



# CITY OF SANTEE

## Fire Sprinkler, Hydrant, and Backflow Device Maintenance

Water that flows into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in Santee is not treated before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and ocean.

**Proper systems maintenance will help keep our waterways clean.**



FIRE SPRINKLER and HYDRANT WATER becomes stagnant and contaminated with harmful pollutants, including heavy metals, chemicals, disease-causing agents, oils, nitrates, hydrocarbons, minerals and anaerobic bacteria.



### WHAT MAINTENANCE MEASURES CAN I TAKE?

**We can protect our waterways with just a few steps:**

- All water must be captured, contained, & disposed of properly; Not to a storm drain.
- Consider the system volume and duration of the test to plan for adequate BMPs.
- Temporarily protect nearby storm drain inlets.
- Dechlorinate all water, prior to capturing and using or disposal to sewer
- Capture and store water for reuse (ie: irrigation, or dust control).
- Dispose of water to an appropriately sized landscape area (as long as the surface is able to absorb all of the water, and not cause erosion).
- Dispose of wastewater via the sewer system with prior authorization from Padre Dam Municipal Water District. The discharge rate must be controlled/diffused.
- Leaking fire mains need to be fixed immediately to keep unit functioning properly, prevent water waste, and to protect water quality.



### WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

City of Santee, Fire & Life Safety Services

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Padre Dam Municipal Water District

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