

**APPENDIX C  
FIRE HYDRANT  
COLOR CODE SCHEME**

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

To insure that a uniform color code scheme is used throughout the county when installing fire hydrants, the following color code shall be used.

### A. CLASSIFICATION OF HYDRANTS (Amended 4/27/09)

Fire hydrants shall be painted in a uniform color coding scheme in order to designate the rated flow capacities (at 20 psi (1.4 bar) residual pressure or other designated value) as follows:

<b>Light Blue</b>	<b>Rated capacity of 1,500 gpm or greater</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>Rated capacity of 1,000-1,499 gpm</b>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>Rated capacity of 500-999 gpm</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>Rated capacity of less than 500 gpm</b>

### B. MARKING OF HYDRANTS

All barrels should be red unless otherwise designated by the local utility district. The tops and nozzle caps shall be painted

For rapid identification at night, the capacity colors shall be of a reflective-type paint.

Hydrants rated at less than 20 psi (1.4 bar) shall have the rated pressure stenciled in black on the hydrant top.