

Fact sheet: Metered standpipes

What is a metered standpipe?

A metered standpipe is a device used to obtain water directly from fire hydrants on water mains.

Apply to hire a metered standpipe

After discussing your water supply options with us, you can apply to hire a metered standpipe from Urban Utilities for short term periods or on a permanent basis.

Hiring fees will also be payable in advance on short term hire permits. Water consumption charges may be billed monthly or at the end of the hire, depending on the hire period. Standpipes hired from Urban Utilities can be used in the Brisbane and Ipswich service areas (excluding the Port of Brisbane and Brisbane Airport).

Use of metered standpipes in the Lockyer Valley, Somerset and Scenic Rim service area is not permitted unless a special approval is obtained. Water filling stations are always our preferred supply option where suitable or directed.

Important notes

- All standpipe users must hold a current standpipe operator's ticket and keep a log of all standpipe use.
- Responsibility for the quality of water supplied from a metered standpipe transfers to the customer at the metered standpipe outlet.
- The customer is responsible for compliance with all relevant legislation relating to the carrying, supply and use of potable water sourced from a metered standpipe.
- The use of a metered standpipe is subject to our terms and conditions.

Hired metered standpipe charges 2025-2026	
Standpipe bond (refundable)	Contact us for pricing
Standpipe hire	\$65.10 per month per standpipe
Water Consumption Charge	\$5.54 per kL

Please contact us on 3432 2032 to discuss your options for obtaining potable water.