

## Instructions for Hydrant Permit Holders

- Permit stickers must be adhered to the rear of the water tank in a clearly visible location not blocked by pumping apparatus, hose reels, etc.
- Permits are valid until the March 1<sup>st</sup> following issuance.
- Only CPWA-authorized hydrants can be used.
- Hydrant attachment should always be done with a fire hydrant gate valve connected directly to the hydrant along with proper backflow prevention.
- Always use a hydrant wrench to open and close hydrants. Never use a pipe wrench or pliers.
- Hydrants should be opened at a steady pace until fully open. Never leave a hydrant partially opened, as this can cause pressurized water to flow through the drain holes at the bottom of the hydrant and erode the soil around the base of the hydrant.
- Hydrants should be closed at a slow and steady pace to avoid water hammer in the water system.