



FIRE

DEPARTMENT

CONNECTIONS



Fire Department Connections (FDC's) are an invaluable resource in our fire protection arsenal. These useful devices allow the fire department to either supplement the water supply of an automatic sprinkler system or quickly provide a remote water source for firefighters deep within a building. In order for a FDC to be utilized to its greatest potential, the following Ohio Fire Code §912 provisions will be enforced in Anderson Township:

- Wherever a FDC is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the FDC shall be indicated by an approved sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" at least **6"** high and words in letters at least **2"** high or an arrow to indicate the locations.
- Immediate access to FDC's shall be maintained at all times and without obstruction by fences, bushes, trees, walls, or any other fixed or movable object.
- A working space of not less than **36"** in width, **36"** in depth and **78"** in height shall be provided and maintained in front of and to the sides of wall-mounted connections and around the circumference of free-standing FDC's.
- Where FDC's are subject to impact by a motor vehicle, vehicle impact protection shall be provided in accordance with the OFC.
- A metal sign with raised letters at least **1"** in size shall be mounted on ALL FDC's serving automatic sprinklers, standpipes or fire pump connections. Such signs shall read "AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS" or "STANDPIPES" or "TEST CONNECTION" or a combination thereof as applicable.
- Where the FDC does not serve the entire building, a sign shall be provided indicating the portions of the building served. When there is the possibility of confusion as to what address or structures an FDC serves, a sign with letters at least **1"** in size shall indicate the address(es) of the structure(s) served by the FDC.



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