

Water System Design Standards

The following standard shall be required for water line designs that are submitted to Greenville Water:

- Design of water mains shall be in accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina, Department of Health and Environmental Control Primary Drinking Water Regulation R.61-58 and the requirements of these standards. Additional specifications can be found here [Complete Specifications for Water Mains](#)
- Location for new water mains and valves shall be within the paved roadway. Do not locate water mains, valves, meters, or hydrants under parking spaces or in any other areas that can hinder access for operation and maintenance.
- Meters shall be placed in a 3' x 3' green space in the ROW or Easement in front of the property it serves, not in driveways, sidewalks, or private property.
- Double Check Valves for fire services shall be within 50' of the water main, located in a vault or mechanical room.
- TR Flex or Equivalent to be used for all cased bores.
- Minimize dead-ends by looping of all water mains, interconnected at intersections without using crosses.
- Fire hydrants to be spaced no more than 1000' apart and placed in the ROW. Locations consist of entrances, cul-de-sacs, property lines, and radius of intersections of development.
- Minimum size distribution main shall be 8 inches in diameter. Exceptions include dead-end water mains and internal looping within development less than 500 feet in length, which can be 6 inches in diameter, unless otherwise specified by Greenville Water. Only one hydrant will be permitted on a 6-in dead-end main. For Multi-Family developments all mains shall be 8" or larger.
- Standard distribution pipe diameters include 6", 8", 12" and 16". Main sizes of 10" and 14" are not permissible.
- Developments or areas of developments greater than 50 units shall provide for redundant water service, where feasible. This may require providing an easement between lots to gain access to adjacent water mains.
- Valves in subdivisions should be installed such that no more than 50 homes are without water if repairs are required.
- Greenville Water reserves the right to specify the maximum water main size for any extension.
- Connections 2" and above made to cast iron mains shall be tees. All size-on-size connections shall be tees.



Calculation Requirements:

1. Mains shall be sized based on either 1/5 the maximum instantaneous demand plus fire flow or maximum instantaneous demand, whichever is greater. The minimum pressure under conditions of maximum instantaneous demand shall be 25 psi at every service tap. 20 psi will be acceptable at any service tap when fire flows or flushing flows are provided in excess of maximum peak hourly flow.
2. Minimum design fire flow shall be 1000 gpm in single family residential and 1500 gpm in multi-family or commercial developments. A fire flow less than 1000 gpm may be accepted with written approval submitted to Greenville Water from the jurisdictional authority for fire protection in the project area. Minimum fire flow shall never be less than 500 gpm.
3. Maximum Velocity of 10 feet per second shall govern for sizing mains to meet fire flow and minimum service requirements.
4. Hydraulic calculations shall include elevation changes and be based on the available static and residual from a hydrant flow test performed within the last 12 months and the losses in the main from it to the proposed development.
5. Calculation shall use Hazen Williams equation with a design roughness coefficient of $C = 120$.
6. The maximum instantaneous demand shall be calculated using the tables provided below as published in the Community Water System Source Book by Joseph S. Ameen.



Table XXI - Maximum Instantaneous Flows for Residential Areas

Number of Residences Served	Flow per Residence in GPM
1 (First)	15.0
2 - 10*	5.0
11 - 20**	4.0
21 - 30	3.8
31 - 40	3.4
41 - 50	3.2
51 - 60	2.7
61 - 70	2.5
71 - 80	2.2
81 - 90	2.1
91 - 100	2.0
101 - 125	1.8
126 - 150	1.6
151 - 175	1.4
176 - 200	1.3
201 - 300	1.2
301 - 400	1.0
401 - 500	0.8
501 - 750	0.7
751 - 1,000	0.5

*Second, third, etc., through tenth residence served.

**Eleventh, twelfth, etc., through twentieth residence served.



Table XXII - Maximum Instantaneous Flows for Commercial Areas

Type of Business	GPM on Basis Shown
Barber Shop	3.0 gpm per chair
Beauty Shop	3.0 gpm per chair
Dentist Office	4.0 gpm per chair
Department Store*	1.0 - 2.0 - 3.0 gpm per employee
Drug Store	5.0 gpm
With Fountain Service	add 6.0 gpm per fountain area
Serving Meals	add 2.0 gpm per seat
Industrial Plants**	4.0 gpm plus 1.0 gpm per employee
Laundry	30.0 gpm per 1,000 pounds clothes
Launderette	8.0 gpm per unit
Meat Market, Super Market	6.0 gpm per 2,500 sq. ft. floor area
Motel, Hotel	4.0 gpm per unit
Office Building	0.5 gpm per 100 sq. ft. floor area or 2.0 gpm per employee
Physicians' Office	3.0 gpm per examining room
Restaurant	2.0 gpm per seat
Single Service	6.0 to 20.0 gpm total
Drive-In	2.0 to 7.0 gpm total
Service Station	10.0 gpm per wash rack
Theater	0.2 gpm per seat
Drive-In	0.2 gpm per car space
Other Establishments***	Estimate at 4.0 gpm each

*Including customer service.

**Not including process water.

***Non-water using establishments.



Table XXIII - Maximum Instantaneous Flows for Institutions

Type of Institution	Basis of Flow, GPM
Boarding Schools, Colleges	2.0 gpm per student
Churches	0.4 gpm per member
Clubs: Country, Civic	0.6 gpm per member
Hospitals	4.0 gpm per bed
Nursing Homes	2.0 gpm per bed
Prisons	3.0 gpm per inmate
Rooming House	Same as Residential*
Schools: Day, Elementary, Junior, Senior High	
Number of Students	GPM Per Student
0 –50	2.00
100	1.90
200	1.88
300	1.80
400	1.72
500	1.64
600	1.56
700	1.44
800	1.38
900	1.32
1,000	1.20
1,200	1.04
1,400	0.86
1,600	0.70
1,800	0.54
2,000	0.40

*Each unit of an apartment building should be considered as an individual residence.



Minimum Water Plan Requirements

The following standard shall be required for water line construction drawings that are submitted to Greenville Water:

- Plan not greater than 1"=100' scale, showing the entire water system
- Site Map – Minimum size 3"x3"
- Show match lines as appropriate and project phasing
- North Arrow, Legend, General Notes and [Standard Detail](#) sheets as required
- Stationing and callouts of tees, hydrants, valves, bends, plugs and reducers etc.
- Meter and Fireline locations
- Title block
 - a. Names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the owner of the property, the land developer, engineer or consultant
 - b. Name of the development
 - c. Scale
 - d. Date (also include revision dates)

- Road Right of Way and street names
- Road Cross Section in 8-1/2" x 11" or 11" x 17" format
- Subdivision Boundary, edge of pavement, face & back of curb
- Driveways, sidewalks and house/building outlines
- Parking islands and islands in the roadway if applicable
- Lot lines and numbers
- Easements labeled and dimensioned if applicable
- Pipe layout, material and size (diameter) e.g., Exis. 8" D.I., Prop. 8" D.I.
- Show sewer and storm drainage layout, if applicable
- Show limits of wetlands, floodplains and steep slopes
- Aerial and stream crossings identified and detailed if needed

