

ADOPT-A-HYDRANT



Seconds count!



A fire hydrant that is blocked, covered by vegetation, half-buried in leaves and soil, or missing its blue Botts' Dot street markers can be difficult for firefighters to locate in an emergency when seconds count.

Check the fire hydrants in your community

- Clear at least 3' around hydrants so that they are visible and accessible.
- Report to **OAK 311** if they appear to be damaged, leaking, etc.
- Verify that at least one blue Botts' Dot raised reflective marker is affixed in the centerline of the street adjacent to the hydrant. Report if there are no markers.
- Perform these checks a couple times a year, especially during high wildfire season.

Important Notes

- Be safe! Place safety cones in the street to warn motorists, wear a reflective vest and have an assistant to alert you for vehicles.
- Use only hand tools to clear around hydrants. Be careful not to cause sparks!
- DO NOT paint over or alter the color of the hydrant--the caps are color coded and the white body is uniform and recognized by firefighters, and easier to see at night.



BEFORE



AFTER