



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Back Country Water Sources

Dear Homeowner,

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider your water source options for firefighting purposes. Due to the lack of pressurized fire hydrants North of the Merrit Parkway you have several options that would be a valuable asset to you.

Cisterns

A fire protection cistern installed on your property is an underground water tank with a connection rising approximately two feet above grade in a location accessible to a fire department vehicle.

Dry Hydrants

A dry hydrant is an underground pipe that connects to a water source such as a pond, lake, river or swimming pool. If utilizing a swimming pool, the installation of the dry hydrant pipe is accomplished rather easily if considered during the planning and design phases of your new pool. A dry hydrant would also have a connection rising approximately two feet above grade in a location accessible to a fire department vehicle.

Not only would the installation of a fire protection cistern or dry hydrant on your property benefit you in the event of a fire in your home, Insurance companies always consider the closest water source when determining your insurance premiums.

Please feel free to contact me should you desire more information.

Thank you for your consideration,

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