



## 2018 Forward

### Meter Pit Winterization

#### CAMPERS

- When you are done camping for the season please call or email [romewater@romewi.com](mailto:romewater@romewi.com) for a seasonal shut-off.
- Be sure to winterize your hydrant to minimize risk of freeze damage, **instructions are on the reverse side for your convenience.**
- When you are ready to camp in the spring, contact us and we will turn on the service. Service hours are M-F 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. with no charge. After hours and weekend, a service charge applies.
- Email us at [romewater@romewi.com](mailto:romewater@romewi.com) or call 715-325-2600 when you are done camping for the season and you have winterized your hydrant. We will shut the service off at the curb stop as an added precaution. In the spring please email us again and we will turn the service back on.

Please remember, for the remainder of this season and future camping years:

- It is in your best interest to lock the camping hydrant to deter metered use of your water by others.
- As a preventative measure, when leaving for a length of time, push down/turn off the handle you used to initiate water flow. If there happens to be a leak in your camper this will minimize the amount of water flow.

Regards,

Rome Water Utility



Camping Yard Hydrant



hose spigot



Backflow Preventer



Tire Stem Valve

## Winterizing Camping Yard Hydrants and Water Meter Pits

Most camping yard hydrants have a ¼ inch copper drain tube for winterizing. Older models do not have a copper tube, they have a drain field.

**Failure to properly winterize can cause pipes to burst and may cost several hundred dollars to repair.**

### PROCEDURE

1. **LOCK HANDLE DOWN**

Wrap chain around the hydrant and place a lock through the handle and chain. This will prevent hydrant use during the winter months.

2. **REMOVE BACKFLOW PREVENTER**

Remove backflow preventer from the hydrant or if you have a meter pit remove it from the hose spigot. Both are located where you connect your garden hose to feed your camping unit.

3. **Tire stem valve**

Purchase and keep a tire stem valve from any tire dealership. Have the needle valve removed when purchased.

Attach air pump to the stem valve. Press against the end of the **hose spigot for hydrants with meter pits.** Pressurize the water line and hydrant until air comes out the drain tube. If there is no drain tube, remove water line from the hydrant and then blow out the meter pit. Gravity and air gap will allow hydrants without a drain tube to drain into the drain field.

4. **Before first use in the spring**

Remember to reinstall the backflow preventer. If a back-flow preventer is not installed during use, Rome Water Utility will terminate service. A service fee may be charged to have your service turn back on.

If questions or assistance is needed for this process please call 715-572-4871