Charlotte County Fire/EMS

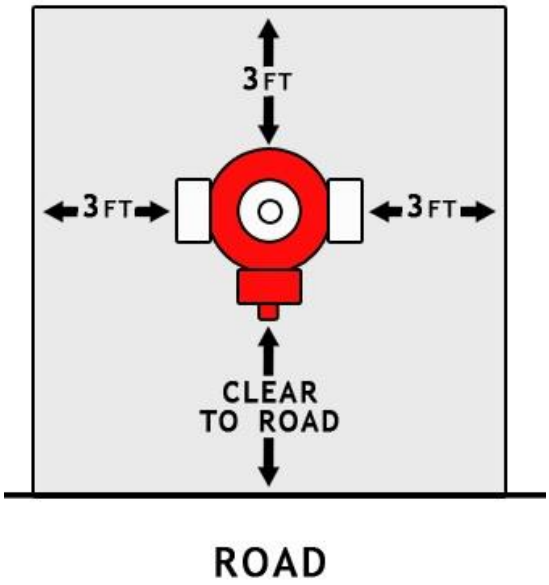
Fire Prevention Division

Scott P. Morris, Fire Marshal

Obstruction of Fire Hydrants and Fire Protection Devices

The Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1, requires that fire hydrants and fire protection devices be kept accessible to the fire department at all times. "Obstructions shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves in a manner that would prevent such equipment or fire hydrants from being immediately visible and accessible. (FFPC NFPA 1:13.1.3)"

"A 36 in. (91 mm) clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants except as otherwise required or approved. (FFPC NFPA 1:18.5.3)"

"A minimum 36 in. (91 mm) of clear space shall be maintained to permit access to and operation of fire protection equipment, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment. (FFPC NFPA 1:13.1.4)"

These clearances prevent delays in finding and using fire hydrants and fire protection equipment.