



Lockwood Fire Protection District

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Did you know Blue means “Water”?

Have you seen the occasional blue reflector dots in the middle of the street? Notice there is a fire hydrant located on the street at the same place. According to the California Department of Transportation:

“Blue raised reflective pavement markers, although not an official traffic control device, may be placed on a highway, street, or road, to mark fire hydrant and/or water supply locations. They shall not be used for any other purpose.”

Do you have a blue reflector on your driveway? For Lockwood Fire’s purpose, a blue reflector on your property indicates there is an available water source such as a pool, water tank, pond, etc., accessible to emergency entities when needed.

If you have a blue reflector on your property, but do NOT have an available water source, we respectfully request the marker be removed and/or replaced with a marker of a different color.

When emergency personnel arrive on scene and the incident may require water, if personnel see a blue marker precious minutes are spent looking for the water source. If there is NO water source, it delays our ability to quickly assess and proceed with necessary emergency actions to protect your lives and property.

Help us help you –

- Mark your water source for easy and rapid access.
- Call Lockwood Fire at 209-296-5122 to notify them of your water source. Lockwood Fire maps all available water sources.
- Use a blue reflector ONLY if you have a water source and have notified Lockwood of its location and availability.
- If you remove your water source, such as emptying a swimming pool for water conservation, please notify Lockwood Fire at 209-296-5122 that the water source is no longer available.

In an interesting piece of trivia, these markers are also referred to as “Botts’ Dots” in honor of their inventor Elbert D. Botts.