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Topic:	Use of Water Standpipes
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Description

Several recent inspections by Water Companies on our developments have highlighted issues whereby either Persimmon, or subcontractors working on our behalf, have been observed to be using illegal water standpipes to abstract (take) water from the network.

It is a criminal offence to connect any unauthorized equipment to the network and Water Companies are actively prosecuting unauthorised and illegal use. Conviction in court will result in fines and legal costs.

Illegal use also poses a risk to the water network – improper use can cause contamination amongst other issues.



Licenced (metered) standpipe



Illegal standpipe

Action Required

Commercial

1 – England & Wales - ensure that all standpipes are hired, via Aquam Water Services, to ensure that they are suitably licenced and metered. Use the link below for details of how to apply in your area.

[Standpipe Water Map | Aquam Water Services \(aquamcorp.co.uk\)](#)

2 – Scotland - ensure that Standpipes are hired directly from [Scottish Water](#). Note that standpipes in Scotland do not need to be metered, instead the hirer pays a flat rate dependent on length of hire.

Note that a standpipe cannot be used for temporary water for site cabins/welfare facilities in Scotland.

Construction

1 – check that any standpipes currently on site are licenced. Standpipes should be labelled and tagged with an individual serial number. In England & Wales they must also be metered.

2 – ensure relevant subcontractors are made aware that only licenced standpipes can be used on our sites e.g. groundworkers, road sweepers etc.

3 – England & Wales - check that individuals operating standpipes are CALM Network trained. Refer to the Water and Silt Management Standard (section 6.9) for further details.

Ensure you understand, and follow, the requirements of the Water and Silt Management Standard (section 6.9) and Guidance Note in respect of the use of water standpipes.

[EMS-STD-Water and Silt Management](#)
[EMS-GU-Water Standpipe Use](#)

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