

Identifying *RECLAIMED* Water

Water is the most valuable natural resource on Earth. The amount of available water remains constant, yet the demand on the supply of usable water continues to increase. Most of us take for granted that potable water is fairly easy to obtain and distribute. However, many areas in the country have been reminded of how fragile the balance between man and nature can be. Droughts, increasing population and industry continue to place demands on our water resources. Some communities have implemented unique programs in an effort to keep water in plentiful supply.

One such program is the installation of a dual water distribution system for potable and reclaimed water. The reclaimed water is then used for agriculture, lawn watering, fire protection and industrial purposes. What was previously waste is converted into a valuable resource. Reclaimed water reduces the demand on potable water sources, eliminates surface water discharges that might pollute and conserves capital that might otherwise be spent developing new sources of water.

When a reclaimed water system is put into service, it is important to ensure that reclaimed water mains and services are identified and not confused with potable water lines. Plastic pipe

manufacturers have developed reclaimed water pipe that is colored purple for easy identification.

To assist in the identification of reclaimed water services, The Ford Meter Box Company offers ball valves and ball corporation stops with the word "Reclaimed" cast into the body or a special tee-head. Some ball valve handles are available with "Reclaimed" lettering. Also available from Ford are Yokebox and Gulfbox lids with "Reclaimed" in raised letters. Lids and valve handles can also be coated purple.

These products are just some of the ways

Ford Meter Box is responding to the challenges of a changing water industry. For additional information about Ford products for reclaimed water systems, contact your local Ford distributor or Ford Field Service Representative.

