

# New Durham Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

**SOG 311** Use of Cisterns as Water Supply Resources

**PURPOSE:** To define the use of cisterns for fire ground operations

**SCOPE:** All Department members.

**SPECIFICS:** Cisterns located at various locations may be utilized as a static water source as needed for fire ground operations. Cisterns typically hold 10,000 gallons of water.

1. An engine may be set in to draft from a cistern allowing engines and tankers to fill at that location.
2. An engine setting in to draft from a cistern should equip a discharge back to the cistern to circulate water when not filling another engine/tanker and to conserve water.
3. Arrangements to refill the cistern to rated capacity should be made for the following day.

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