



AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

PLEASE KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR

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When shoveling your driveway and sidewalk please remove the snow from around the fire hydrant common to your home or property. Clearing the snow around the hydrant and shoveling a path to it from the street will give the Fire Department the access they need.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Under the Codes of the City of Poughkeepsie there is a responsibility of the owner/lessee of property fronting a hydrant to maintain the area clear around the hydrant. Failure to clear and keep clear a hydrant may result in a \$100 fine or more.

At a fire, the fire department must quickly locate and gain a water supply source from the closest fire hydrant. A fire engine carries enough water in its tank for approximately 5 1/2 minutes of firefighting. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, it is difficult to find and valuable time must be spent digging it out. Remember, water is the main tool firefighters use to extinguish fires. Delays in locating and connecting to the fire hydrant could hamper fire suppression, thereby increasing the risk of injury and additional property damage.

Consider helping a friend, a neighbor with a medical condition, or a neighbor who is elderly by shoveling out the hydrant in front of their home. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.

The City of Poughkeepsie Fire Department and Public Works Department would like to thank you in advance for helping to keep hydrants clear of snow, which helps make our communities safer!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Public Works Department at
845-451-4111.