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FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKS CITIZENS TO KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR

Keeping them clear from snow can help in times of emergency

In the event of a fire emergency during the winter, could firefighters find the hydrant near your home? How much time would it take them to dig out the hydrant while a house is burning? Heavy snow this winter has brought attention to the need for helpful neighbors to “Adopt-A-Hydrant” by clearing snow and keeping them clear for the fastest possible emergency response.

The Burnsville Fire Department asks neighbors to clear a 3 foot radius around hydrants during the winter and keep weeds and shrubs away from them at all times. It may take about 45 seconds to connect fire hose to a hydrant in normal conditions. It can take minutes to dig out a hydrant covered in snow and ice. This is extra time that firefighters could use to save a home or business, or more importantly, save a life.



These hydrants are located in the same neighborhood. One is covered in snow and the other is clear from snow, leading to a quicker response time. Photos by Andy Hamlin, Burnsville Fire Department.

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