

FIRE MARSHAL BOB'S FIRE SAFETY TIPS



Fire Hydrants in the Cold

How do fire hydrants work in the cold?

Fire hydrants have a valve below the freezing point underground that allow them to remain safe from freezing in the colder months. If you see water coming from the ground or coming out of the fire hydrant, please call the Street Department at 219.769.6784 to report the problem.

How do firefighters find a fire hydrant in the snow?

We don't! Please avoid piling snow on or around fire hydrants. If possible, especially during very heavy snow falls, take a few extra minutes to 'adopt' your nearest fire hydrant by clearing the snow from around the hydrant. This improves firefighter's ability to quickly locate and access the hydrant in an emergency. NFPA suggests clearing at least 36 inches around a fire hydrant.

**If you have any questions, please email
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