



## **ADOPT A HYDRANT**

### **Safety guidelines for clearing snow from fire hydrants**

1. Stop shoveling if you experience shortness of breath or chest pain and call 911 or seek medical attention.
2. Only clear snow from hydrants during daylight hours.
3. Wear highly visible and proper weather related clothing when clearing snow from hydrants.
4. Hand shoveling or a snow blower is the best option for clearing snow from a hydrant, do not use a snow plow.
5. Do not stand on the road way to shovel the hydrant and always be aware of all hazards including traffic.
6. If working with a group to clear a number of hydrants, appoint a person to watch for hazards and traffic.
7. Do not put the snow cleared from the hydrant back into the street, in driveways, on the sidewalk, or any other right of ways.
8. Clear at least a 3' circle of snow from the area around the hydrant.
9. If any parts of the hydrant are missing, such as caps, record the closest address of the hydrant and contact 311 to report the missing part. Dial 311, within City limits, or 616-456-3000.
10. If you have any water or ice coming from any opening of the hydrant, record the closest address of the hydrant and contact 311 to report the issue. Dial 311, within City limits, or 616-456-3000.
11. Report any fire hydrants that appear damaged. Record the closest address of the hydrant and contact 311. Dial 311, within City limits, or 616-456-3000.