



Safety Guidelines for Clearing Snow from Fire Hydrants

1. Stop shoveling immediately 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 clothing and dress appropriately for winter weather conditions.
4. Use hand shovels or snow blowers to clear hydrants. Do not use snow plows.
5. Do not stand in the roadway while shoveling, and always remain aware of hazards, including traffic.
6. If working as part of a group, designate one person to watch for traffic and other hazards.
7. Do not place cleared snow back into the street, driveways, sidewalks, or other rights-of-way.
8. Clear at least a 3-foot radius of snow around the hydrant.
9. If any hydrant parts are missing (such as caps), record the closest address and report it by dialing 311 (within city limits) or 616-456-3000.
10. If you see water or ice coming from any part of the hydrant, record the closest address and report it by dialing 311 or 616-456-3000.
11. Report any hydrants that appear damaged by recording the closest address and contacting 311 or 616-456-3000.