

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**Don't have the time to dedicate to volunteering at your Local Firehouse  
Help out by Keeping Your Hydrants Clear of Snow**

The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department requests residents living near a fire hydrant to "Adopt a Hydrant" and remove snow and ice from around the hydrant during the winter months. There are about 600 fire hydrants in Wyckoff. Fire hydrants are located approximately every 600 feet on most of the 88 miles of Township roads.

Due to the large volume of snow the Township of Wyckoff experienced last winter, the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department and Township of Wyckoff have updated the ordinance pertaining to the maintenance and upkeep of fire hydrants. As property owners or tenants, you are responsible to insure that the area within a 5 foot radius around a fire hydrant on your property is clear of snow and ice no later than 12 hours after the snowfall.

Why is this so important? In the event of a true fire emergency at your home or place of business, seconds count! Last winter, due to the number of fire hydrants that were not visible or accessible, the VOLUNTEERS of the Wyckoff Fire Department spent four days locating and clearing snow from hydrants on private property.

The volunteer firefighters are required by State and Federal law to complete many hours of training on topics such as search and rescue, fire suppression, hazard chemical awareness and fire ground communications; and time is not available to shovel snow from the 600 fire hydrants in the Township. Residents can now help firefighters by shoveling snow from the fire hydrants in front of their homes.

If a resident contracts with a private contractor to plow their driveway and shovel their sidewalks, please instruct your contractor to remove the snow from around a fire hydrant if one is in front of your home.

Thank you for helping us keep Wyckoff a safe community!

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