



# Northville Township Fire Department

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## PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

To whom it may concern,

With the recent heavy snowfalls and below zero temperatures, the Northville Township Fire Department is asking every citizen to help keep the Northville community safe. Maintaining clear access to all fire hydrants within the community is of the utmost importance. The recent snowfall creates a variety of issues regarding our ability to locate and access fire hydrants in a quick and efficient manner. If you or your neighbor has a fire hydrant nearby, please take the time to clear the hydrant of any snow that may have already accumulated. Please attempt to **clear at least three feet in all directions** so that we can quickly gain access to a water supply during a fire emergency. Each hydrant is equipped with two (2) outlets that allow fire hose to be connected. Please ensure that these outlets are also cleared to the street.

If you are a member of a homeowners association, apartment or condo complex or own or operate a business in the Township, please contact your private contractors or property maintenance companies to make sure to keep all hydrants clear and accessible. A blocked fire hydrant will delay the effectiveness of our fire suppression efforts.

Snow covered or blocked hydrants are a violation of the adopted fire code of the Charter Township of Northville. Please see the following sections for specific codes:

### **507.5.4 Obstruction**

Unobstructed access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.

### **507.5.5 Clear space around hydrants**

A three (3) foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants except as otherwise required or approved.

Please do your part in keeping you family and neighbors safe by maintaining clear and visible access to all fire hydrants in your area. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter of public safety. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tom Hughes, Northville Township Fire Inspector at (248) 348-5807 or via email at [thughes@twp.northville.mi.us](mailto:thughes@twp.northville.mi.us).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Hughes, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Thomas M. Hughes, Jr.  
Fire Inspector