



# Northville Township Fire Department

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## Fire Hydrant Standards

### Referenced Standards:

- 2009 International Fire Code as adopted by Chapter 79-2

### Commentary:

The intent of this document is to provide the fire department with the necessary access to fire hydrants to allow for efficient and effective fire department operations. The Northville Township Fire Department wants to stress the importance of maintaining the proper clearance around all fire hydrants within the Township. While fire hydrant access becomes more of an issue in the winter months, it is important to maintain adequate clearance all year round.

In the winter months, snow plows can create fire hydrant access issues that can be very dangerous to residents living in the area. Under no circumstances is it appropriate to plow snow in front of, on or around a fire hydrant. It is your responsibility to maintain clear and visible access to each fire hydrant within this area, regardless of the amount of snow. Blocking/covering a fire hydrant is a violation of the adopted fire code of the Charter Township of Northville and violations may result in tickets or fines in accordance with this code.

Please keep in mind that, as a minimum requirement, you must **maintain three (3) feet of clear space around each fire hydrant** while also making sure that each hose connection is accessible and provides unobstructed access to attach a hoseline to the hydrant from the road. To efficiently and effectively perform our duties we must have clear access to all hydrants at all times. Please make sure that you maintain the visibility and accessibility of all hydrants on the property and in your surrounding area.

### Standards:

#### **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.

If you have any questions, please contact us directly 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 over a white background.

Thomas M. Hughes, Jr.  
Fire Inspector