



Citizens are reminded to clear fire hydrants, property of snow

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha reminds all citizens to help keep fire hydrants free and clear of snow to ensure safety in case of an emergency. Following several major snowfalls this winter, many fire hydrants in the City have become buried in snow.

Kenosha Fire Department Division Chief Guy Santelli states: “The Kenosha Fire Department would like to remind everyone that a fire doubles in size every 30 seconds and when fighting a fire seconds count, so help us save more of your property in an emergency situation by shoveling out your nearest fire hydrant. Get together with a couple of neighbors and go around your neighborhood and clear out a few fire hydrants. We need them to be shoveled out from the street side and at least three feet in all directions of the hydrant to allow us to attach the fire hose and open the hydrant with our tools. Maintaining the readiness of the fire hydrant in your parkway in the winter is no different from mowing the lawn in that same parkway in the summer. The Kenosha Fire Department wants to thank everyone in advance for their help with shoveling out fire hydrants.”

Citizens also can help by following parking regulations, removing snow from their sidewalks and handicapped ramps, as well as watching for snow emergency information through the local media. To reduce the risk of roadway flooding during heavy rain and snow melting,

roadway inlets should be kept clear of snow and ice.

Property owners and occupants are required to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice within 24 hours following the end of a winter storm. All properties that abut handicap ramps shall also clear the snow from the full width of the ramp and the adjacent curblin for accessibility purposes. Per Ordinance 5.11.F., failure to remove snow and ice from your sidewalks can result in a cost to the abutting/front property owner. The cost will be billed as a special charge to the property owner for all sidewalk cleared by the City, along with a \$70 administrative fee. A citation also may be issued for violations.

People may not shovel, dump, snow blow or otherwise place snow in any public street or alley right-of-way. Snow should be stored on the same property on which it accumulates. Violations should be reported to the City of Kenosha Department of Public Works at 653-4050.

For more information, pick up a free copy of the City Snow & Ice Control Guide at the City of Kenosha Department of Public Works Street Division; or visit the City web site: kenosha.org/departments/public-works/seasonal-operations.

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