



Public Safety
Information Release

Wilton Fire Department Reminds You to Provide Access To Your Fire Hydrant

For Immediate Release - Please help our firefighters help you! Snow accumulation or the results of plowing and snow clearing can completely cover or restrict access to fire hydrants.

Blocked hydrants mean slower response to extinguishing fires. It can result in catastrophic consequences if we have to spend time locating a buried hydrant and/or clear snow away from it, especially if the snow is heavily compacted from snow plowing. The time we spend locating and accessing a hydrant buried in snow could cause a fire to more than triple in size before it can be used.

The Wilton Fire Department is asking residents and business owners who have fire hydrants located near their property to clear snow and ice away from them so they are easily visible and accessible in the event of a fire. Clear a path to the fire hydrants from the road and remove snow from all sides so it's visible from the road and easily accessible to connect a fire hose to it.

It will only take a few extra minutes and is a quick and easy way to help you and your neighbors. Digging out a fire hydrant could make a critical difference in the event of an emergency. It could save a life.

Don't wait for an emergency to happen; be proactive and shovel out your hydrant. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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