

Residents Can Help Dig Out Fire Hydrants

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DES MOINES, IOWA ---THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009 --- The recent snowfall has everyone around the city digging out. The Des Moines Fire Department would like to remind citizens as they clear their driveways and sidewalks; it is a good idea to also remove the snow around the nearby fire hydrant. The fire department wants citizens to know that they appreciate their help in the removal of snow from around city fire hydrants.

The removal of snow helps the fire crews quickly identify where fire hydrants are located and promptly get to work on fighting fires. Fire Hydrants that are blocked or concealed by snow forces crews to find hydrants further away from the fires, wasting valuable time.

After every major snow fall, fire crews drive their prospective districts looking for buried fire hydrants and shoveling them out. Des Moines firefighters would like residents to assist in this process, ensuring the timely removal of snow around hydrants.

For more information or questions the public should contact the Des Moines Fire Prevention Bureau at 283-4240. The media should contact Fire PIO Steve Brown at 515-237-1367 office or 515-979-4805 cell