



Your SYSTEM at Work

Adopt-A-Hydrant Program

- **Hydrants require clear access year-round.**
- **You can help.**

Ensure emergency services always have access to the hydrant near your home or business. AWWU encourages residents to adopt-a-hydrant. This is a voluntary program; no registration is necessary. Simply choose a hydrant to help keep clear year-round. Participants are asked to clear snow away from your adopted hydrant after snowfalls, and report vehicles blocking hydrants to the Anchorage Police Department. Consider helping a friend or neighbor who is unable to clear out their hydrant. Residents clearing snow, should maintain a six-foot diameter around the fire hydrants at all times.

Summer maintenance includes keeping tall grass, weeds, and bushes cut back to not obscure the hydrant.

If you're interested in painting your hydrant, please simply check out the Fire Hydrant Painting Protocols on the Fact Sheet page on AWWU.biz.

Adopting a hydrant is a courtesy to the community.

- **Anchorage Municipal Code requires access to fire hydrants must be maintained.**

The Municipal Code, 24.50.170, states, "No materials, fence or shed shall obstruct the approach to any fire hydrant..." The fire department shall not be prevented or delayed from gaining immediate access to fire hydrants.

More information:

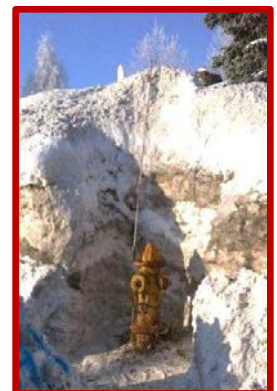
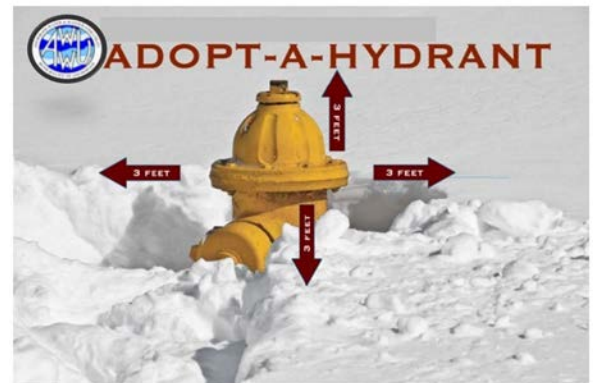
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AWWU crews dig out hydrants when doing regular inspections on the hydrants.

With over 7,500 hydrants, it takes a while to get to them all. In the winter, hydrants are on an 8-week rotation schedule, approximately.

AWWU cannot be responsible for entities burying or blocking hydrants.



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