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2019 SHOVELING AROUND HYDRANTS NEWS RELEASE

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SHOVELING AROUND HYDRANTS

Austin, Minn. — Due to the large volume of snow we have received over the past few weeks, the Austin Fire Department is reminding citizens the need to clear snow and ice from around the hydrant leaving a three foot wide perimeter and a path to the street. This protects you, your family, and your neighbors and assists emergency personnel by providing immediate access to hydrants when needed.

With more snow expected in the forecast, please take time to clear around your hydrants when you are shoveling your sidewalks or driveways. The safety of our community is of the utmost importance.

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Shoveling Out Your Nearest Fire Hydrants

Clearing fire hydrants near your home during and after a snowstorm offers a valuable public service to protect you, your family, and your neighbors while assisting emergency personnel. The buildup of snow and ice during winter months on fire hydrants allows firefighters limited access. With more snow expected, when shoveling your sidewalks or driveways, please shovel out the fire hydrant.

