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Keep Hydrants and Sidewalks Clear

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg reminds members of the community to do their part in helping to cleanup during and after the snow event.

The Harrisonburg Fire Department asks the community to keep fire hydrants, which are close to your home or business, free of snow during winter weather events. In the event of a fire, it is imperative that fire personnel gain access to a water supply as quickly as possible.

It is most helpful for neighbors to shovel around the fire hydrant and from the fire hydrant to the street.

Members of the community are also invited to adopt the hydrant closest to their home. Additional instructions are available by visiting <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/adopt-a-hydrant>.

In addition to fire hydrants, the community is also reminded that sidewalks in front of homes and businesses must be cleared after the snowfall has stopped per city ordinance. Residents have until 10 a.m. if the storm arrives overnight or three hours after the snow stops falling to remove snow from sidewalks. To read the entire ordinance, visit www.municode.com/library/VA/Harrisonburg and review Code Section 6-1-15.

It is a good idea to begin clearing snow once the accumulation begins and not to wait until the snow begins piling up. Residents should also think of helping their neighbor, especially those who are not able to clear the sidewalks or hydrants themselves.

For a complete list of winter weather safety tips, please visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/winter-safety.

This also serves as a reminder for those who work or live in the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to sign up for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Alert System by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com. Citizens may sign up for this free service to receive alerts about an emergency-related event or life-threatening weather event.



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