

FIRE HYDRANT SAFETY TIPS

Fire hydrants are an important safety feature of any neighborhood. They should be used responsibly and remain unobstructed in the event of a fire. Vehicles cannot be parked any closer than 15-feet from a hydrant in any direction. Residents must also ensure there is 3-feet of clearance directly around a hydrant at all times to ensure accessibility for firefighters in case of an emergency.

Summer Tips

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA) reminds residents that opening fire hydrants is not only illegal, but very dangerous. During extreme heat, residents may be tempted to pry open fire hydrants in an attempt to cool off. An open hydrant expels water with extreme force that could easily cause injury. This volume of water is dangerous for motorists and pedestrians.

If you see an open hydrant or suspect hydrant tampering, call 911 immediately.

Winter Tips

It is important to be careful when shoveling snow so that you do not bury a fire hydrant. Hydrants should remain visible and not blocked by cars or shrubs, as this might delay fire fighters trying to extinguish a fire.

**If you see a hydrant that is blocked or damaged,
report the specific location to PWSA Dispatch 24/7 at 412.255.2423**