

The Elburn & Countryside Fire Protection District has launched a new community-based safety program. In the winter months, heavy snowfall makes finding and accessing fire hydrants very difficult for firefighters, and during an emergency every second counts. With that in mind, the Elburn Fire Department is asking residents, business owners, and local civic groups to consider participating in the new, "Adopt-A-Hydrant" program.

By partnering with the fire district, you are providing a much needed service. The district cannot possibly keep up with shoveling while serving the communities needs during and after a snowstorm. Snowfall and associated plowing activities can often hide hydrants under large amounts of snow, making them difficult to locate quickly in the event of an emergency. Throughout the year, your efforts in maintaining a fire hydrant and making sure it is free of snow, ice, debris, shrubbery and weeds is an invaluable service.

Participation in the Adopt-A-Hydrant Program involves the following:

- Making sure the adopted fire hydrant is clearly visible from the street.
- Keeping the fire hydrant free of snow and ice.
- Keeping clearances of at least 3 feet all around the hydrant. Please use caution when shoveling.
- Keeping the hydrant free of grass, weeds, and debris year round.
- If you notice that a fire hydrant has been damaged, missing caps, leaking water, or if it is blocked, notify us at 630-365-6855.





If you are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program, visit our website, *WWW.ECFPD.COM* to sign up. Click on *COMMUNITY, ADOPT-A-HYDRANT* and complete the form on-line.

If you'd prefer, you can also email us at *myhydrant@ecfpd.com* Please provide your full name, address, phone number, email address and specific location of the hydrant that you'd like to adopt.