

## Winter Fire Safety Tips



Every time the snow falls, the most obvious chore that needs to be done is clearing the driveway — whether by plow, shovel or snow blower — so drivers can get out and get to work.

Vents for furnaces or other heat or power sources are often forgotten. It is very important to keep vents clear of snow, to ensure exhaust can get out and to prevent carbon monoxide from accumulating inside the building.

Doors and walkways must be kept clear, and not just to the one door that is normally used. Keeping all doors clear ensures that firefighters or other first responders can gain access to the building in case of an emergency.

When it comes to your vehicle, drivers should be sure to get all snow off their vehicles before leaving home and should check the rear lights. Snow builds up and can prevent people from seeing brake lights or turn signals. Clearing off those lights can help you avoid a collision.

We ask that if possible, the public help in keeping fire hydrants clear. This could help save your home in the event of a fire. Any help from the public — such as clearing a hydrant in front of one's home — is appreciated.