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## **Lehigh County Authority Asks Residents to Help Clear Snow Around Fire Hydrants After Major Winter Storm**

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**Allentown, Pa.** — Following the significant snowfall across Lehigh County, Lehigh County Authority (LCA) is asking residents to help protect public safety by clearing snow and ice from fire hydrants in their neighborhoods.

Many fire hydrants are buried in snow, making them difficult or impossible for firefighters to access during an emergency. LCA is asking customers to clear at least three feet of space around hydrants and to shovel a clear path from the hydrant to the street to ensure first responders can act quickly when seconds matter.

"During a fire emergency, accessibility to hydrants can make a critical difference," said Liesel Gross, CEO of Lehigh County Authority. "We appreciate our crews and municipal partners working around the clock, but community help is essential. Clearing snow from hydrants is a simple step customers can take to help protect their neighbors and support our firefighters."

LCA reminds customers that hydrants are typically located near the curb or sidewalk and may not always be directly in front of a home. Even if a hydrant is not on your property, clearing it can help safeguard the entire neighborhood.

Customers are encouraged to:

- Remove snow and ice from around the hydrant, maintaining about a three-foot clearance on all sides
- Clear a path from the hydrant to the street
- Avoid piling snow from driveways or sidewalks on or around hydrants

Clearing hydrants is a vital public safety measure that helps emergency responders have immediate access to water when it is needed most.

For more information about Lehigh County Authority and its role in supporting local communities, visit [www.lehighcountyauthority.org](http://www.lehighcountyauthority.org)

**About Lehigh County Authority:** Lehigh County Authority (LCA) is a public water and wastewater utility committed to protecting public health and the environment by providing high-quality, safe, and reliable water and wastewater services, serving a population of approximately 270,000 people. A nonprofit, public agency, LCA was founded in 1966 by the County of Lehigh and is governed by a nine-member board of directors appointed by the County.

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