

The Mequon Water Utility Promotes

“Adopt-A-Hydrant” Program

The Mequon Water Utility is seeking the help of both residents and business owners in the City of Mequon who have fire hydrants located along the street next to their property, and ask you to please “Adopt-A-Hydrant.”

What is involved in adopting a hydrant?

When the snow stops falling, and it is time to clear your driveway, sidewalk, or parking lot, please take a minute or two and check on your neighborhood’s fire hydrants and dig out an area of approximately 3 feet completely around the hydrant.

Why should I or my business consider adopting a hydrant?

Wisconsin winters bring a special concern for the Mequon Water Utility and the Mequon Fire Department. Winter storms can often hide the fire hydrants under a mountain of snow and then after the plow trucks have cleared the roads covering the fire hydrants with more snow making them impossible to find quickly in the event of an emergency.

Isn't that the job of the Water Department or Firefighters?

Sure, the snow removal around the systems 900 + public fire hydrants is the responsibility of the Water Utility, but sometimes it can be awhile before the Water System Employees can reach all the hydrants in the system and by then there may be another storm.

In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out the fire hydrants before hooking up to them. Precious time is lost; a fire could double in size several times.

By taking a few minutes to clear your “adopted” hydrants, you will be assisting both the Mequon Water Utility and the Mequon Fire Department.

You can do this year round by clearing accumulated snow from the top and in a three foot (3') clearance around the hydrant, and by keeping the hydrant free from over overgrowth (grass and weeds) the rest of the year.

The house or business you save might just be your own!