



HYDRANT ETIQUETTE

Cascade Township Fire Department

Dedicated to Serving You

Fire Station 1

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Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616.949.1320

Fire Station 2

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Ada, MI 49301
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Be a Hydrant Hero! Help our firefighters by keeping hydrants clear



An example of an obstructed hydrant.

If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property, the Cascade Fire Department requests your assistance in maintaining the required clearance.

Please keep bushes, trees and landscaping plants trimmed, and remove any obstructions from around the hydrant.

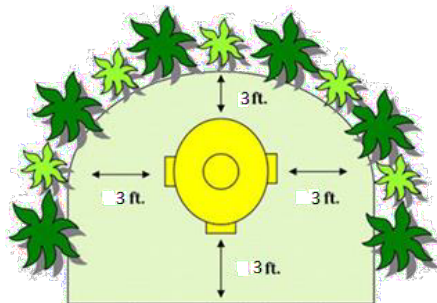
The fire department must be able to easily connect hoses and equipment to hydrants during routine maintenance and emergency situations. In the event of a fire, every second counts! Firefighters like to advise residents that they have a pretty good idea of where the hydrants are, but they don't always know *exactly* where they are.

If the fire department is responding to an incident in your neighborhood and they have to clear the area around the hydrant before they can use it, precious time is lost.

Cascade Township adheres to the International Fire Code (2015 edition). The code states the following:

2015 IFC 507.5.4 –

Obstruction: Unobstructed access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants.



2015 IFC 507.5.5 – Clear space around hydrants: A three-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants, except as otherwise required or approved.

Additionally, during the winter if at all possible, please:

- Remove any snow and ice from the hydrant.
- Remove snow about three feet in each direction.
- Clear a path to the street.

