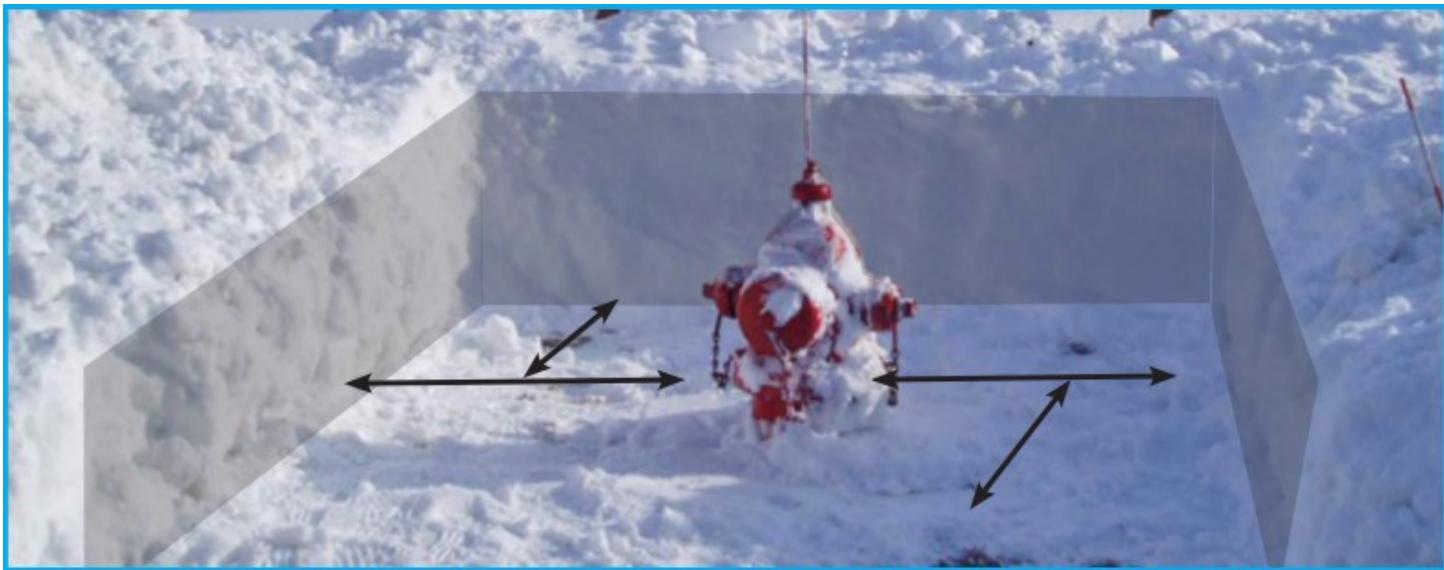
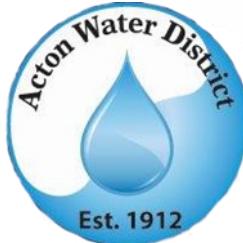


# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Host a Hydrant

## Fire Hydrant Snow Clearing Contest

January 21<sup>st</sup> —March 6<sup>th</sup>



### CLEAR-AWAY ZONE: 3 FT. FROM ALL SIDES OF HYDRANT

When seconds count, having a hydrant shoveled ahead of time can make a difference. Our engines carry 750 gallons of water and can pump up to 1,500 gallons per minute. Under good conditions (i.e. a warm summer afternoon) it can take 3 ½ to 4 minutes to hook-up to a hydrant. When an engine is running off tank water, we have less time than that before the water runs out. Having hydrants shoveled out saves precious time.

#### Eligibility

Contestants must complete the form located at:

<http://www.acton-ma.gov/hydrant>

and include the following:

Name

Address

Address of Hydrant you are hosting

Include a before and after photo of the hydrant

#### Prizes

##### First place:

Grand Marshal in our 125<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary parade, plaque, and \$25 gift certificate (to be determined)

##### Second place:

Pizza party for 5 people at the fire house

##### Third Place:

4 - 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts

#### Choosing a Winner

Hydrants will be randomly inspected and judged by the Acton Fire Department and Acton Water District

The contestant with the most enthusiasm, and the cleanest hydrant will win

#### Rules

No use of blow torches

No use of heavy machinery

Since Hydrants are along streets, work with a buddy to keep watch for oncoming traffic

Do not shovel snow into street

Contact Tom Matthews at the Acton Fire Department for more information — [tmatthews@acton-ma.gov](mailto:tmatthews@acton-ma.gov)