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CUSTOMERS CAN HELP TOWARD PUBLIC SAFETY

Consider shoveling out a hydrant!

(Saco, Maine) Recent snowstorms have left many fire hydrants buried, and in some cases, inaccessible. While Maine Water is spending many hours to clear hydrants of snow, it is asking homeowners and local businesses, in the interest of public safety, for help in clearing snow from around fire hydrants so that firefighters can connect their equipment without delays.

Maine Water's water systems play a crucial role in fire protection by making sure that there is plenty of water under adequate pressure available for fire fighters to fight a fire in the unfortunate event that one breaks out. Maine Water has hundreds of fire hydrants to clear every time it snows, and with the recent parade of snowstorms, this is a challenge.

"One of Maine Water's most important priorities is to keep hydrants free and clear. While our customers are removing snow from their walkways, we ask that they take a few minutes to also remove snow from around a fire hydrant close to them," said Judy Wallingford, president of Maine Water. "In the event of a fire, the hydrants will be more visible to firefighters and give them easy access to connect their hoses. We appreciate the help of any safety-minded citizen who takes the initiative, beats us to the punch and, shovel in hand, gets the job done before we can. You are making a contribution toward public safety in your neighborhood!"

Maine Water serves 32,000 customers, or a population of 100,000, in over 20 communities throughout the state of Maine. For more information, visit: www.MaineWater.com.

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