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LIWC: PLEASE HELP KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR DURING SNOW STORMS

The Long Island Water Conference (LIWC) would like to remind homeowners and local business owners to make sure they keep areas surrounding fire hydrants clear so that firefighters can connect their equipment without delays. This winter's storms have brought more than 3 feet of snow that can obstruct fire hydrants and the surrounding areas and fire hydrant accessibility is a primary factor in fighting fires successfully.

"We are asking residents and business owners to please remember to keep fire hydrants clear of snow this winter," explained LIWC Chairman Karl Schweitzer. "By taking a few minutes to dig out any hydrants in your area, you are helping our firefighters perform lifesaving work without delays to ensure your safety and that of others."

It is estimated that there are approximately 100,000 fire hydrants throughout Long Island.

About the Long Island Water Conference

The LIWC has been committed to providing pure and plentiful water for the Long Island community since 1951. The LIWC aims to provide and maintain an adequate and safe water supply today, while anticipating the water concerns of future generations. LIWC members provide more than 375 million gallons of clean water daily. For more information visit www.liwc.org.