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Help the Fire Department Protect You: Shovel Fire Hydrants

“In a fire seconds count,” said Sutton Fire Chief Matt Belsito, “so help your fire department protect you and your neighbors by removing snow from nearby fire hydrants.” Fire officials are urging those who are able to do so, to shovel snow away from fire hydrants in case access to them is needed quickly.

Clear Snow from Furnace and Dryer Vents

Keep outside furnace, hot water and dryer vents clear of drifting snow, to prevent flue gases from backing up into the home and creating a carbon monoxide hazard.

Clear Snow from Vehicle Tailpipes

Last winter, two children from Boston died from carbon monoxide while sitting inside arunning vehicles where the tailpipe was clogged with snow. Doctors from the Boston Public Health Commission have created an educational video on CO poisoning that addresses this particular risk. (<http://youtu.be/7Yy9zXsaeCA>).