

## FIRE HYDRANT OBSTRUCTION CODE & COMMENTS

The Skokie Village Code indicates that it is unlawful for any person in any manner to obstruct the use of any fire hydrant or place any material or a vehicle in front of a hydrant, within 15 feet.

More specifically the Fire Prevention Code requires that fire hydrants be kept accessible to the Fire Department at all times "No person shall place or keep any post, fences, vehicle, growth, vegetation, trash or storage of any other materials that would obstruct the hydrant and hinder or prevent its immediate use by Fire Department personnel"

Clearance requirements for fire hydrants are 7 1/2 feet in front of and to the sides with 4 feet of clearance to the rear. The 7 1/2 foot front clearance shall provide unobstructed front visibility of the fire hydrant.

These minimum clearances prevent delays in finding and using fire hydrants during emergencies. Any foliage or obstruction outside of the clearance requirements should not obstruct snow removal efforts or street side fire hydrant visibility.

