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## Keep Hydrants Clear

The Plainview Water District reminds all residents of the importance of ensuring hydrants located on their property are kept clear at all times. To help the Plainview Fire Department and its firefighters continue to perform their vital work, the districts asks all residents to "Adopt a Hydrant" and claim responsibility for keeping it easily accessible throughout the year.

"For your protection and the protection of loved ones and neighbors, we'd like to express the importance of ensuring the hydrants in your neighborhood, particularly those on your

property, are kept clear at all times," said Chairman Marc Laykind. "When firefighters are faced with an emergency, every moment counts. A fire hydrant surrounded by overgrowth can waste valuable moments that could otherwise be spent responding to a situation."

Residences and local businesses are required to keep fire hydrants on or near their property clear of shrubbery, debris and other obstructions. Not only is a covered hydrant harder to locate, but even once identified connection to fire apparatus is delayed, costing valuable time in an

emergency situation. Additionally, homeowners are reminded not to park their vehicles in front of fire hydrants and are asked to remind their guests to do the same.

"The best thing our residents who have hydrants on their property can do is take ownership of that hydrant to ensure it remains clear at all times," said Commissioner Andrew Bader. "You can never predict when and where an emergency will occur and that's why it's vitally important to

always be prepared."

For additional information about water conservation and tips to save water around the home, call 516-931-6469 or visit the Plainview Water District website at [www.plainviewwater.org](http://www.plainviewwater.org). Residents can also sign up to receive information by submitting their email address through the district's homepage or following them on Facebook in order to stay up-to-date with district activities and initiatives.

—Herald Staff

