HELP the FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECT YOU:

**Shovel Fire Hydrants**
“In a fire seconds count;” said Ayer Fire Chief Robert Pedrazzi, “so help your fire department protect you and your neighbors but 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 a running vehicle 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)

Sincerely;
Robert J. Pedrazzi
Fire Chief