



Winter Salt Education Tips:

With dropping temperatures and heavy snowfall, many Minnesotans turn to deicing salt to keep our roadways and sidewalks clear. While an effective tool for public safety, deicing salt can harm our environment and pollute our waterways. According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), once in the water, chloride becomes a permanent pollutant and continues to accumulate in the environment over time. The best way to reduce salt impact in our environment is to practice smart salt application.



Please store salt containers on pavement with a secure lid, or better yet, store salt indoors to prevent unnecessary runoff into our storm drains.

Be Salt Smart:



Shovel

Removing snow before it gets compacted and turns into ice will reduce the amount of salt needed.



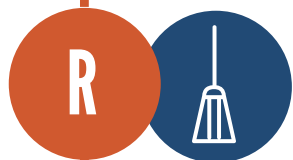
Moderation

An average driveway only needs 12 ounces of salt. More salt does not mean more melting.



Apply Less

78% of salt applied in the metro ends up in groundwater or local waterways.



Reuse

Sweep up excess salt and reuse it for the next application.



Temperature

Select the appropriate deicing product for the temperature and avoid when the temperature falls below 15 ° F.