

HALT before you

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*use less de-icer
protect our water*



Did you know that salt and other de-icers can wash into storm drains and pollute our streams, rivers and drinking water? Salt can also deplete the soil of beneficial bacteria and nutrients and inhibit plant growth.

Here are a few tips on how to use salt wisely and protect our water:

Salt before it snows.

Salt goes a longer way if applied before the snowfall, saving you money. It prevents ice from bonding to the pavement, making it easier to shovel.

Never use sand or cat litter.

Sand and cat litter can clog our storm drains and waterways. This can be harmful to aquatic life and our drinking water.

Consider alternatives.

In addition to rock salt (Sodium Chloride), Calcium Chloride and products with Potassium Chloride can be used safely in moderation. Other alternatives include Calcium Magnesium Acetate and Potassium Acetate.

For more information on de-icing and protecting our water, go to:

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