

# Be a Smart Salter

Once you put salt down, it doesn't go away...



Salt alters the soil, harms plants, and weakens infrastructure like bridges and roads.

It gets into our streams, lakes, and rivers, putting aquatic life and human health at risk.



It only takes  
1 teaspoon of salt...



...to pollute  
5 gallons of water

Reduce your salt use to protect our water!

## 1. Shovel



Clear snow from sidewalks and driveways before it turns to ice. The more snow you remove, the less salt you'll have to use - and the more effective it will be!

## 2. Scatter



If you use salt, scatter it so there's space between the grains. A coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20 foot driveway!

## 3. Sweep



Once the salt has done its job, sweep up the extra so you can reuse it for later storms - and prevent it from washing away.

## 4. Switch



Salt doesn't work when the pavement temperature is 15 degrees or lower. Switch to sand or use a different deicer that works at low temperatures.

Safe winter driving is easy as 1-2-3

### 1. Wait



Wait to allow time for plowing and deicing.

### 2. Know



Know the current road conditions before you leave.

### 3. Slow



Travel slowly and use caution on the roads.



Americans use **20 million tons** of road salt every year.