

# Read before using salt

Salt is a major water quality concern. Follow these best practices to maintain winter safety and reduce the impacts of salt on our community's drinking water.

- ▶ **Shovel snow before salting.** Salt works faster when you remove the snow first. Salting snow can create slush that later freezes into walking hazards.
- ▶ **Spread salt evenly and sparingly.** In many cases, about 2.5 tablespoons of salt for a sidewalk square is all you need. You should not see any salt when the sidewalk is dry.
- ▶ **Clean up spilled salt and extra salt.** Return dry salt to storage bin for later use.
- ▶ **Give salt time to work.** Allow the time for salt to treat slippery surfaces.
- ▶ **Check the weather forecast.** Do not salt when it is raining or when rain is in the forecast.
- ▶ **Check the outside temperature.** Salt works best when temperatures are closer to zero. Salt is not effective at treating slippery areas when colder than -10°C.
- ▶ **Add traction with sand.** Consider using sand or a sand-salt mix to treat slippery areas.



## Record salt use to avoid unnecessary salting

Date	Time	Areas salted	Amount used