Manage your winter salt on commercial properties

Close areas not needed instead of salting

As part of your winter preparations, identify areas you can close without impeding emergency exits, accessibility ramps or entrances. Areas to close may include seasonal patios, overflow parking, extra walkways or stairs.

Why close areas during the winter months?

- Allows winter maintenance team to focus efforts on high traffic areas
- Reduce winter maintenance costs and repairs from salt damage
- Manage risk from potential slip and fall hazards
- Reduce winter maintenance costs from plowing and salting
- Provides location to store plowed snow

“Reduction and elimination of harm to our environment, and especially our drinking water, is part of St. Peter's Church’s commitment to a greener earth and a part of our stewardship ministry. We are pleased to partner with the Region of Waterloo’s leadership in caring for our environment and the opportunity to work together to build a stronger community.”

David Roth, Parish Administrator St. Peter's Church, downtown Kitchener
Area Closed sign specifications

- Size: 30 cm wide x 45 cm high (12 inches wide x 18 inches high)
- Material: Aluminum steel
- Weight: 0.5 kg (1.1 lbs.)
- Display options: hang from chains, mount on post or attach to fence (property owner responsible for sourcing hardware to display sign)

Examples of closed areas

The Hamilton Family Theatre, Cambridge: stairs and large patio area.

The Centre in the Square, Kitchener: front area and stairs at back.

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