

The impacts of salt

As one of the many tools used to clear snow and ice, salt is spread over most surfaces where you walk, bike, drive and park your vehicle. That's a lot of area covered in salt! **But what are the impacts of using all this salt?**

Buildings

Salt damages brick, concrete, flooring and doorways and shortens their life cycles.

Your skin

Salt burns and irritates skin.

Landscape

Salt in soil takes water from plants and reduces its ability to deal with cold temperatures.

Wildlife

Salt impacts the health of aquatic plants and wildlife.

Groundwater – your drinking water

Salt soaks into the ground to mix with groundwater making water taste salty.

Waterways

Salt mixed in melted snow enters freshwater ponds and streams via nearby storm drains.

Your pet

Salt burns and irritates paws.

Bicycles

Salt accelerates rusting.

Vehicles

Salt accelerates rusting and corrodes parts adding to maintenance costs.

Footwear

Salt stains.

Mobility aids

Salt accelerates rusting.