# Be a Smart Salter

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



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

### 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.

# 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.

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



