

TIPS TO STAY STORMWATER SMART IN THE SNOW



SHOVEL

Shovel snow onto vegetated areas. Grass and plants will act as a natural filter as the snow melts, reducing runoff into storm drains that lead directly to rivers and streams.

PLAN

Shovel and scrape trafficked areas early and often. Deicers work best when there is only a thin layer to remove. Remove slush once the snow melts to prevent refreezing.



USE LESS

One coffee mug of salt is enough to treat a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. Use salt only where critical. Aim for 3 inches of space between salt granules.

RECYCLE

Save money by sweeping or vacuuming salt solids for reuse after the storm!



SELECT

Salt doesn't melt ice below 15°F. When it's too cold, use sand for traction or a different deicer.

STORE

Practice good housekeeping by storing deicers under a roof or other cover to minimize polluted runoff.



WINTERIZE

Winterize your vehicles to prevent leaks. Avoid washing the car in the driveway to keep dirty water out of the storm sewer.