

# CUT THE salt

**Salt keeps us safe on icy roads, but it's also quietly polluting our streams and rivers.** By making smarter choices, we can reduce salt use by 30-50%, protecting fresh water without sacrificing safety.

## 5 WAYS YOU CAN CUT THE salt



### SHOVEL OR PLOW FIRST



### USE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED

**Small changes** by many people can make a big difference.

Shovel, sweep, or use a blower to **clear surfaces before salting**.

**Apply the recommended amount** of deicer, and sweep up after the storm.



### BE PROACTIVE

Watch the weather and **treat before ice forms** with each unique storm.



### GET SOME TRACTION

Apply sand, grit, or natural materials and **wear snow boots or ice cleats**.



### EDUCATE YOURSELF AND OTHERS

**Talk to neighbors and local contractors** about using less salt.

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