

Smart Salt Use

Salt has become a major pollutant in our local streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and groundwater. Salt is toxic to fish, aquatic organisms and wildlife. It only takes 1 teaspoon of salt to permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.



Shovel snow early and often to prevent it from compacting and forming ice. The more snow that is removed, the less salt will be needed.



Choose correct product. Salt does not work when the pavement temperature is below 15 degrees, instead use sand, or gravel for traction on top of ice.



Scatter salt only where it is needed. Do not salt bare pavement. Keep about 3 inches of space in between salt grains. Only 8 ounces, or one coffee mug, is needed to salt 150 square feet.

Sweep up any extra salt, or sand and reuse it later.

To learn more about salt use best practices and its effect on our environment visit [Beltrami County SWCD Website](#).

