

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

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Melting Snow Is Stormwater Too!

Stormwater runoff can come in many forms, including snow melt! When the ground is frozen, melting snow can't infiltrate into the soil the way a light or moderate rain would be able to. This means that even a small amount of snow can cause flooding issues on your property.

When snow melts, it picks up all kinds of debris and pollutants that will make their way to nearby streams and creeks.

Check out some steps that you can take to prevent stormwater pollution this winter:

- ◆ **Start shoveling early!** The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need.
- ◆ **Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity for it to infiltrate into the ground.**
- ◆ **Use deicing salt sparingly.** Follow product instructions and give it time to work. Sweep up any remaining material.
- ◆ **Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains.**
- ◆ **Salt is not effective once temperatures hit 15 degrees Fahrenheit or below.** Consider using traction materials that contain acetate, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or cracked cornmeal.

