

WINTER STORMWATER SOLUTIONS



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As snow and ice accumulate, winter maintenance can have a big impact on our streams, rivers and drinking water. When snow melts, it carries everything in its path - road salt, pet waste, automotive fluids and litter - directly into storm drains and waterways. See the tips below for how you can help keep our community's water clean this winter!

SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT LOCAL STREAMS & CREEKS!



WINTER STORMWATER TIPS FOR YOUR PROPERTY

- **Shovel First, Salt Last:** Clean snow early and often to reduce the need for salt. If you must use salt - do so sparingly and sweep up left over salt after ice melts.
- **Choose Eco-Friendly Deicers:** Avoid products containing sodium chloride (rock salt) which harms plants, pets and aquatic life. Use sand or non-clumping kitty litter for traction instead of chemical deicers.
- **Manage Snow Piles Wisely:** Pile snow on grassy areas where it can slowly melt and soak into the ground. Avoid stacking snow on top of storm drains or near waterways.
- **Store Chemicals Safely:** Keep deicing products, fertilizers and antifreeze in sealed containers. Store them off the ground and away from drains. Check your garage for leaks and clean spills immediately with absorbent material.

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