



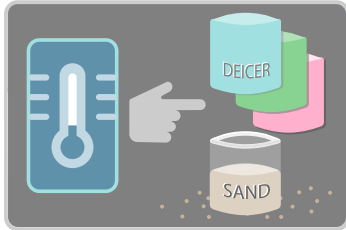
MINNESOTA WATER  
LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN

# Using salt wisely



## 1. Shovel

Clear walkways before snow turns to ice, and before you apply salt. The more snow you clear manually, the less salt you'll need.



## 2. Select

Salt doesn't melt ice if the pavement is below 15 degrees, so use sand for traction when it's too cold, or choose a different de-icer.

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## 3. Scatter

Use salt only where it's critical. When you apply salt to pavement, leave plenty of space between granules. A 12-ounce coffee cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.



## 4. Sweep

Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.

*Protect our water!*

# How much salt do you need?

**Actual size** representation of sufficient salt scatter. 1 to 2 inches between particles is usually enough!



A 12 oz. mug is enough salt for 10 sidewalk squares or a 20' driveway

Salt can make sidewalks and roadways safer, but it also pollutes lakes and rivers, not to mention harming pets and wildlife, corroding buildings, cars and bridges.