

# Water Savings is Saving Water



## SEASONAL REMINDER

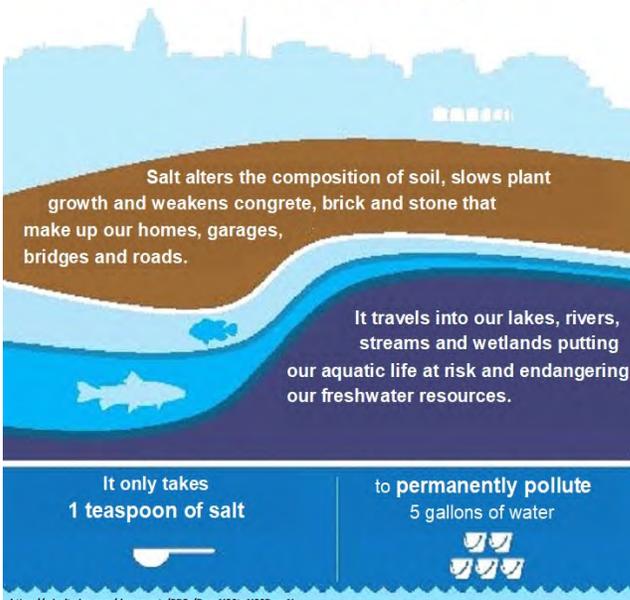
As the days grow shorter and the weather changes, please remember to winterize your sprinkler and drip irrigation systems. Check for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and blow out the system so freezing water doesn't damage the lines. Unsure how to do this? Call a Pro certified by WaterSense.

To find a professional in your area, go to <https://lookforwatersense.epa.gov/pros/>. New Jersey's fertilizer law blackout dates are now in effect. Homeowners are not permitted to use fertilizers on their lawns from November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>, and commercial landscapers from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit <https://www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater/> to learn more.



Winter weather will soon be here. When snow and ice arrive, be wise in applying salt deicers on your driveways and sidewalks. Even though salt can be helpful for safety, too much can cause irreparable harm to our infrastructure, vehicles, landscaping and the environment. Salt causes corrosive damage to steel and concrete, harms plant growth by altering the ways they uptake nutrients, degrades structural materials, and accumulates in our waterways, causing harm to freshwater species and problems for water supplies.

## Once you put salt down, It doesn't go away



Unfortunately, the salt does not go away when the season is over. Salt concentrations in our waterways are gradually increasing over time. A coffee mug filled with salt is enough to treat a 20-foot driveway or ten sidewalk squares. Do not apply salt while it is snowing. Instead, clear the snow before it turns to ice. Once driveways and sidewalks are clear of

## Pledge to be Salt Smart



**1. Shovel**  
Clear walkways before snow turns to ice. Apply salt only if needed.



**2. Scatter**  
Use salt only where critical. Aim for 3 inches of space between salt granules.



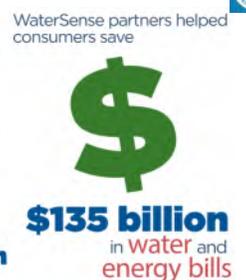
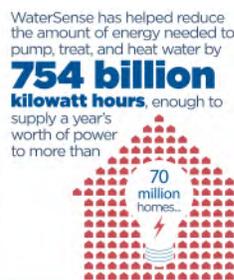
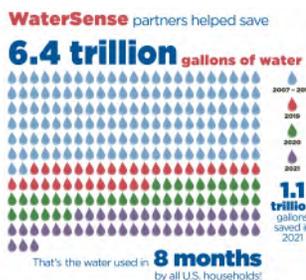
**3. Switch**  
Salt doesn't melt ice below 15 degrees. Use sand for traction when it's too cold, or a different de-icer.



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

snow and slush, use any salts or deicers carefully, leaving about three inches between granules. Salt will not melt ice below 15°F, so in very cold temperatures either use sand for traction or switch to a different deicer following the manufacturer directions on the package. If any salt and sand remains when areas are clear of ice, sweep it up and store it in a bucket to reuse for the next storm. Help protect our streams and save money by using salt deicers wisely!

## During 2021 WaterSense saved water and energy while reducing carbon emissions!



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