

# SNOW AND ICE CARE

## Help Keep Our Water Clean!

Salt use has been on the rise since the 1950s, leading to waters becoming increasingly salty. Chloride levels have become so high, many creeks and lakes are now considered unhealthly.

Chlorides harm plants and animals, contaminate drinking water, damage buildings, corrode vehicles, roads and bridges. Too much salt can lead to costly damages and environmental consequences!



### Help keep our waters clean with these simple steps:

- 1.** Clear walkways of snow to minimize ice build-up.
- 2.** Temperature matters. If the temperature is below 15 degrees, salt doesn't work effectively. Consider using sand for traction.
- 3.** Scatter salt where it's critical. Leave about 3 inches between grains of salt. A 12-ounce coffee cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.
- 4.** Sweep up leftover salt, sand and deicer to reuse as needed

Created in collaboration with MN Water Let's Keep it Clean, the West Metro Water Alliance and the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.