

# Seeing Snow? Be in the Know!

## What's the Issue?

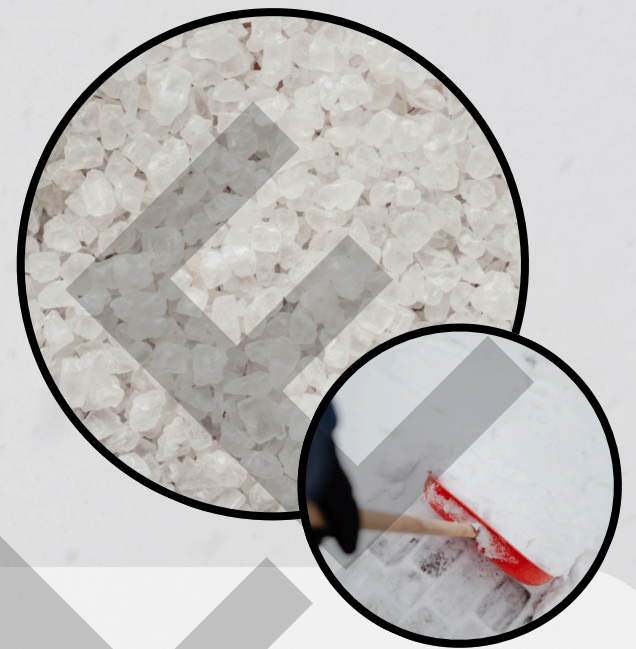
Rock salt helps keep roads and sidewalks safe, but too much salt is a waste of money and increases the damage it causes to water and vegetation!

## Tips to Reduce Road Salt Usage

- Only about 12 ounces of rock salt are needed to melt snow and ice on a 20-foot, single car driveway.
- Below 15°F, rock salt is ineffective at melting snow and ice.
- Shovel snow early and often! Less snow and ice means less rock salt needed!

For more information on road salt and other deicers, visit:

[www.dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/rock-salt-reduction](http://www.dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/rock-salt-reduction)



# This is Your Sign to Make Brine!

**Apply brine as a deicer to reduce excess salt in the environment!**

Excessive rock salt usage introduces high concentrations of salt into the environment, impacting water quality and the health of aquatic organisms and vegetation.

## **How to Make Brine:**

- Combine 3.5 cups of rock salt to 1 gallon of hot water
- Stir until all salt is dissolved
- Allow gravel to settle to the bottom
- Add brine into a garden sprayer
- Spray in zig-zag patten over desired area

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