



SALT SMARTER NOT HARDER

WAYS TO REDUCE SALT USE



THE PROBLEM WITH ROAD SALT

When salt is put down on a driveway, sidewalk or road, it doesn't go away. It washes into waterways or seeps into the ground, contaminating reservoirs and underground wells.

Salt used today can be found in drinking water up to a decade later!

DCR SALT REDUCTION GRANTS

DCR awarded over **\$165,000** to Wachusett watershed towns through a matching grant program to lower road salt use and help with new equipment costs.



MORE SALT DOESN'T MELT ICE FASTER



More isn't better. A 12 oz. coffee mug full of rock salt is enough to treat a 20 foot driveway. Make sure there is space between the grains.

SAVE MONEY AND SWEEP UP EXTRA



Sweep up any leftover salt to use in the next storm.



USE BRINE

Make a brine solution and use a sprayer to pretreat pavement. Liquid can melt ice faster than granular salt and it sticks instead of scatters.

Lower salt concentrations are less damaging to fish, wildlife and drinking water. *Click here to learn how to make your own salt brine.*



STAY HOME DURING A STORM

This option, if possible, allows snow removal crews time and space to make the roads safer for you today and your drinking water ten years from now.

DID YOU KNOW? ABOUT 30% OF SALT IS WASTED

Salt Smarter, Not Harder to:

- Remain safe on the roads
- Save money
- Reduce the harm to our water, wildlife, and the environment



For more information, watch the Road Salt Reduction video
youtu.be/Smt6_K8geeY

