



Take the Pledge

The chloride in winter salt products permanently harms the health of our waters.

You can reduce your salt use while still maintaining safe paths and driveways. Take the pledge today to help curb chloride pollution in your neighborhood!

These are the actions I pledge to take to reduce chloride pollution:

Instructions: Check at least one box below. For accountability, please have two people sign at the bottom.

Winter Maintenance Basics

- Use a chipper to remove ice
- At entrances, shovel snow instead of salting
- Sweep up excess salt
- Optimize use of salt products by following label instructions for temperature
- Load and store salt inside away from the elements
- Store snow in areas that reduce or eliminate melt/refreeze problems
- Clear blockages from storm drains
- Instead of rock salt, try or expand use of brine
- Use grit to create traction instead of applying rock salt
- Seasonally close an entry, sidewalk, or staircase (keep in mind emergency exits, accessibility, and community use)
- Use the right scatter pattern when applying salt
- Instead of a salt bucket, place a snow shovel at an entry

Outreach Actions

- Post signs in common areas informing people about chloride impacts, best practices, etc.
- Host conversation or write an article for your building about chloride impacts, best practices, etc.
- Write your legislators about the importance of limited liability legislation
- Tell a friend or post on social media about the *Low Salt, No Salt Minnesota* initiative

Add Your Own Idea

Planning Actions

- Develop a winter maintenance plan for property (template available!)
- Evaluate your winter maintenance program after a big snow event to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats
- Review winter maintenance contract to see if winter maintenance is billed based on service (*preferred*) or pounds of material used (*not preferred*)
- Set a low trigger for physical snow removal (½ or 1 inch)
- Apply for a grant to help pay for equipment or training
- Investigate and/or resolve a drainage issue
- Talk to insurance or legal for advice about liability
- Adopt a salt policy (example available)

Reasonable Care & Liability Actions

- Develop a written snow and ice policy
- Keep documentation of completed winter maintenance
- Use the model contract with your maintenance provider
- Hire a Smart Salting certified contractor
- Post a notice (sign) at property hazards
- Address drainage or hazard issues

Training/Monitoring Actions

- Take an MPCA Smart Salting certification course
- Complete the City of Minneapolis Salt Mini-Course (online, open to non-residents)
- Join the Winter Salt Watch Program (iwla.org)

In an effort to reduce chloride pollution, we are willing to explore the action(s) selected above.

Representative #1

Name
Role
Signature

Representative #2

Name
Role
Signature