

Make Winter's Passage a Green One!



➤ Reducing the discharge of pollutants is critical for healthy communities and aquatic habitats across the region. Homeowners can follow these easy tips to choose the best deicing product for your home and the environment!



1. Be prepared, buy early:

Make sure to buy your deicing product before the storm hits. This way you will be able to find more environmentally friendly choices at the store.

2. Check the label:

Check the package closely to see what you are buying. Look for the 'Safer Choice' label for products with chemicals that are less harmful for you and the environment!



3. Know your salt-risk zone:

If you have salt-sensitive plants close to the driveway or sidewalk, avoid products that contain chlorides or use very small doses. You can also opt for safer alternatives (acetates).

4. Remove snow prior to applying deicer:

Monitor the weather to know when to expect snow and remove it by shoveling or plowing, as much as possible. Deicers work best when there is only a thin layer of snow to melt, and you'll avoid over applying.



5. Reduce total deicer amount:

Follow the product's recommended application rate. Adding more won't melt ice any faster and the excess will contaminate soils and waterways. Pre-wetting solid deicers melts ice faster and saves product (less is needed).