

Winter Water Conservation

Tips for protecting our local streams and creeks this winter

- 1) **Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas.** This will allow the snow to infiltrate instead of becoming stormwater runoff. Never dump into streets or waterways.
- 2) **Use de-icing chemicals and salts sparingly.** Focus on making your walkways and driveways safe, but try to avoid overusing or spreading in vegetated areas or near waterways. Sweep up any extra salt left over before it runs into storm drains.
- 3) **Shovel as soon as possible after a snowstorm.** As a result, less ice will form and you won't need to use as much salt or de-icer.
- 4) **Plant native, salt tolerant species near paved areas.** Not only will these species be able to survive despite the salt, they will also reduce stormwater runoff.

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