



Tips for Salting Sensibly

Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District

- ◆ Road salt only works ABOVE 15 degrees F.
- ◆ One teaspoon of salt permanently pollutes 5 gallons of water!
- ◆ Apply BEFORE snow falls or right AFTER snow is removed from the pavement.
- ◆ NEVER apply salt when rain is in the forecast. It washes into waterways as a pollutant.
- ◆ Sweep up excess salt from dry pavement when it is no longer useful.

Our overuse of salt to clear pavement contributes to polluting our streams. Salt is harmful to roadside vegetation and aquatic life. These same streams flow into Lake Erie from the northern part of Medina County and into the Ohio River from the southern part, carrying the salt. Many of us get our drinking water from Lake Erie! Please use salt sparingly and sensibly or find a safer alternative.