

Working to Keep Roads Safe while Protecting our Waters this Winter

PREWETTING - We've equipped our salt trucks with sprayers to pre-wet the salt before it hits the road. The practice of pre-wetting activates the salt resulting in faster melting. It also helps the salt stick to the pavement making it less likely to bounce off the road before it can work.

These practices allow us to keep roads, parking lots and sidewalks safe while reducing salt use and our impact to area waters. Join us in our effort to become Salt Wise by taking some simple actions this winter:

- **Shovel:** Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice. The more snow you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.
- **Scatter:** Believe it or not, just a coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. The scatter pattern should look like the image on the next page.
- **Switch:** When pavement temps drop below 15, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a [different ice melter](#) that works in lower temperatures.
- **Hire a salt wise applicator:** If you hire a contractor to remove snow and ice, let them know you are WI Salt Wise! Some local applicators have been trained in winter maintenance practices that reduce environmental impact. Ask if they've been trained and what practices they use.
- **Look** for proper salt use at the stores & businesses you visit. If they're using the right amount of salt, tell them thank you! If not, let them know about WI Salt Wise.
- **Be Salt Wise All Year:** The salt you put in your water softener ends up in local fresh-water streams. New, efficient softeners use less than one bag per month. If you're using more, have a professional tune up your softener or invest in a new, high-efficiency model.

Find out more at www.wisaltwise.com

