

WINTER STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS FOR RESIDENTS AND HOMEOWNERS

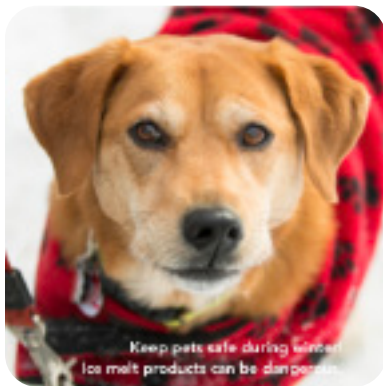


The next time it snows, keep an eye on the color of the snow along the sides of the road. It most likely will turn grayish or brownish in color due to the sand, salt, oil, trash, and other pollutants collecting in it. Then, as that snow melts, it washes those pollutants to the nearest storm drain and directly into our waterways.

None of our stormwater is treated or cleaned at the water treatment facility, so it's important to take steps to prevent stormwater pollutants from coming into contact with the snow.

Here are a few tips to consider:

- Pile snow where it will have the most opportunity to soak into the ground.
- Make sure the nearest storm drains are clear and do not pile snow on them.
- Shovel early and shovel often! The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will need to use.
- Consider using an ice scraper or flat metal shovel to remove stubborn snow and ice.



Did you know that most deicing chemicals, such as salt, end up in our soil or in our local creeks? Melting snow flows into the stormwater system and picks up salt as it travels over surfaces like roads, sidewalks, and driveways.

- A single piece of salt or ice melt can go a long way in melting ice and if the salt is crunching underfoot, too much has been put down.
- Sweep up excess salt or sand from the dry pavement after it is no longer being put to use.

EVERYONE CAN HELP PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM



BAG AND TRASH
PET WASTE



MULCH OR COMPOST
MOWED GRASS,
CONSIDER XERISCAPING



PICK UP AND THROW
AWAY TRASH. RECYCLE
GLASS AND PLASTICS



DON'T FEED DUCKS &
GEESE NEAR WATER
BODIES



USE CLEANING PRODUCTS,
CHEMICALS, & OILS
SPARINGLY AND SAFELY
DISPOSE