



## Smart Salting



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Smart Salting is available for checkout. Please contact us to learn more about its availability. Pick it up from the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization anytime between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

You can also arrange for a presentation. Contact us for more details.

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The Vermillion River Watershed maintains a **Smart Salting** interactive display that demonstrates how to properly scatter winter deicing salt. One tray has salt already scattered in the correct pattern, the other is ready for the user to try their hand at scattering salt with 1-2 inches between each particle.

Salt can make sidewalks and roadways safer, but it also pollutes lakes and rivers, not to mention harming pets and wildlife, corroding buildings, cars and bridges.

#### Shovel

Lesson: Clear walkways before snow turns to ice and before you apply salt. The more snow you clear manually, the less salt you'll need.

#### Select

Lesson: Salt doesn't melt ice if the pavement is below 15 degrees, so use sand for traction when it's too cold, or choose a different de-icer.

#### Scatter

Lesson: Use salt only where it's critical. When you apply salt to pavement, leave plenty of space between granules. A 12-ounce coffee cup of salt is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.

#### Sweep

Lesson: Clean up leftover salt, sand, and de-icer to save and reuse as needed.

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