

How to Hire a Smart Salter

Snow Removal Contractor



Hire a contractor that will use less salt, safely.

Smart Salting contractors:

- Are certified by the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
- Have been trained and tested on how to maintain safe surfaces using less salt.
- Have pledged to reduce salt pollution.

Did you know?

It only takes 1 teaspoon of salt to pollute 5 gallons of water.

When hiring for snow removal:

- Ask your contractor if they are Smart Salting certified.
- Find certified Smart Salting contractors at pca.state.mn.us/water/hire-certified-applicator
- Ask them what practices they use to reduce salt use.
- Understand your own expectations for safe surfaces and discuss level of service with them.

Why should I care about salt?

- Salt is a permanent pollutant: there is no cost-effective way of removing it from our lakes, creeks, or groundwater!
- Salt damages buildings and harms plants and aquatic life.
- You can help prevent this pollution by hiring a contractor who understands how to apply less salt, safely.

Scatter Matters

More salt does not mean faster melting. Aim for space between the granules, as shown in this picture.



Find a list of MPCA Smart Salting applicators at:
pca.state.mn.us/water/hire-certified-applicator

