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### **Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas.**

The more water can be absorbed by plants or sink into the ground, the less water will run off, carrying pollutants into streams.

### **Use safe and effective alternatives to salt for ice, and follow the application rate on the label.**

Salt is damaging to plants, animals, concrete and water quality. Instead of focusing on melting the snow on your driveway, use sand to help gain traction or a salt-free de-icer.

### **Use natural and non-toxic alternatives to chemical pesticides, and reduce indoor and outdoor chemical use.**

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