

Reducing Road Salt Use at Home

The rules to proper salt application are simple. Consider the following to lighten your “salt print”:

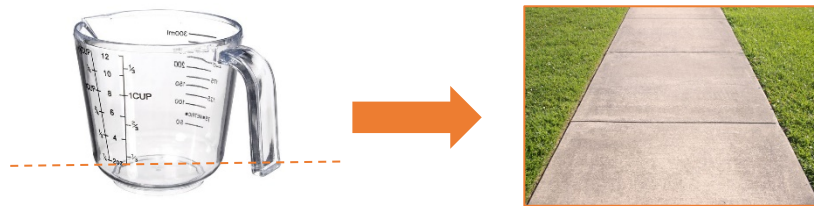
1. Shovel and sweep first! Remove the accumulated snow before applying any product
2. Spread salt or salt alternative appropriately

HOW MUCH SALT SHOULD I USE?

While there is no exact amount due to multiple variables such as temperature and snow conditions, dispensing **58 grams per square meter** is recommended

How much is 58g / m²?

Approximately... 1 x ¼ cup in an area the size of a square pavement



WHAT TO CONSIDER:

- ✓ Environmentally friendly alternatives such as beet juice, pickle brine... or include Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA) instead of chloride products
 - Watch out for greenwashing! Many products claim to be pet friendly but still include chloride
 - Remember: even many environmentally friendly products still contain chemicals, so follow the application suggestion of 58g/m² to avoid over application
- ✓ Small salt pellets or rocks: they spread over a wider area than large rock salt and take less time to melt
- ✓ Coloured products can be seen and therefore discourage over application

WHAT TO AVOID:

- No need to spread salt on bare ground in anticipation of snow. It won't work! Salt helps accelerate the melting process when in contact with moisture
- Large rock salt: heavier, and requires more to be dispersed in an area. Because of the size of rock salt, it takes longer to melt
- Salt works less efficiently once temperatures hit below -12 Celsius