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Public Service Announcement

TOPIC: Stormwater Pollution Prevention – Salt Use

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Tons of salt are used every winter to make our roads and sidewalks safe. However, when the ice and snow melts, it has the potential to run into our storm drain system. As a result, salt can make its way into our creeks, lakes and drinking water supplies. We can't stop using salt, but here are four things that you can do to reduce the amount of salt used.

1. Store salt in a dry place
2. Spread a small amount prior to a storm to help prevent ice build-up
3. Wet your salt before applying, it will then stick where you want it
4. Use a commercial mix of Sodium and Calcium Chloride; it's more environmentally friendly.

To learn more about what you can do to prevent stormwater pollution contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-429-7085 or Michael Sadowski, Town of Ramapo Public Works at 845-357-5100. This message was brought to you by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County.



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TOPIC: **Stormwater Pollution Prevention - Household Chemicals and Waste**

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Did you know that pouring grease, butter or cooking oils into the sink can clog your septic system and contaminate your water supply? Also, disposing of paints, pesticides or other chemicals in the sink, toilet or nearby curb or street drain can kill aquatic life and pollute local water supplies. So do your part and dispose of these substances properly by taking them to the Rockland County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program weekdays from 8 AM to 1 PM. You can call 845-364-2444 with questions.

To learn more about the safe use and disposal of common household hazardous waste and what you can do in your community to prevent stormwater pollution contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-429-7085 or Michael Sadowski, Town of Ramapo Public Works at 845-357-5100. This message was brought to you by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County.