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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. This message was brought to you by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Stormwater Consortium of Rockland County.