



SAVE OUR STREAMS FROM ROAD SALT



Volunteer Emilie testing the water at Rock Creek. We have created 2 streamside buffers of native plants along this stream.

Just like road salt kills grass where lawns border driveways and sidewalks, it also harms streamside plants as snowmelt and spring rains carry it into creeks. These plants, including duckweed, lily pads, and cattails, play a critical role in shading and cleaning the water, preventing erosion, and sheltering birds, frogs and butterflies.

Our volunteer Streamkeepers-- your neighbors-- monitor Tookany Creek and its tributaries. They have found that many local streams have unhealthy amounts of salt year-round, confirming US Geological Society reports that chloride levels have doubled over the past 50 years.

High levels of salt impact all of the plants and animals that live in our waterways, including the Great Blue Heron and Belted Kingfisher as well as fish like Blue Gills, Shiners, and Redbreast Sunfish.

We all have a part to play in keeping our streams healthy.
Here are 4 ways you can reduce salt pollution:

- **Shovel First:** Shovel before you salt. Shovel right after it snows to reduce the need for salt.
- **Reduce and Reuse:** Use just enough salt to melt ice. After snow melts, sweep up and reuse the salt.
- **Read the Label:** Don't use products containing urea, kitty litter, or ashes. Instead, use a pre-wetted 1:1 sand and road salt mixture.
- **Speak Up:** Educate your neighbors! If you see an uncovered, unprotected salt pile, contact your township.



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