

Winter Time Tips

Stormwater management information for Miami Valley residents



Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies.

This winter, you can help by following these *environmentally friendly* snow removal practices:

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.
- Shovel snow onto non-paved surfaces such as landscaped and/or grassy areas. As the snow melts, it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.
- Sand and sawdust can be used as an environmentally-friendly alternative to commonly used salt products. Cracked corn has been suggested as an alternative because animals can eat it before it gets washed into the storm sewers in the spring.
- After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams.



Using the old fashioned approach of a shovel means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with all the added benefits of physical exercise!