



## Water Quality Tips for Winter

Township Supervisor Chris Canavan reminds us to be good to the environment and remember these suggestions for reducing your winter impact on our streams and lakes by following these suggestions:

- Shovel early. The more snow and ice you remove, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it can be.
- More salt does not mean more melting. Apply appropriately, salt takes time to work.
- Fifteen degrees Fahrenheit is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use a traction agent as needed, but remember they do not melt ice.
- Sweep up excess. Salt or sand on dry pavement is no longer doing any work, sweep it up before it is washed away.
- Try an alternative for traction. Sand and kitty litter are effective but can clog sewers and degrade stream habitat when washed away. Cracked corn can be an alternative to try that is more environmentally friendly.
- Understand what's in it. All de-icers will melt the ice but some have less of an impact on the environment. Instead of sodium chloride or calcium chloride use products containing an acetate, potassium chloride, or magnesium chloride.

Help to keep our streams clean even in winter. To report an illicit discharge to a stormwater collection system or to a stream, creek, or river, call the Lower Salford Township Municipal Building at 215-256-8087.