

What's The Problem With Road Salt?

Most ice melting products contain chloride which is:

- Toxic to aquatic life
- Damaging to plants
- Corrosive to vehicles and bridges
- Harmful to pets

Chloride Levels Are Rising in Our Lakes

Waterbody	Chloride Levels ¹
Baptist Pond	Increasing ↑
Chalk Pond	Increasing ↑
Dutchman Pond	Increasing ↑
Lake Sunapee	Increasing ↑
Little Sunapee Lake	Stable
Mountainview Lake	Increasing ↑
Otter Pond	Increasing ↑

¹Based on analysis of specific conductance data as reported in the 2020 NH Lake Trends Report prepared by NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). A statewide specific conductance to chloride relationship has been validated by NHDES.

It can take decades for road salt (chloride) to flush out of our lakes and soils.

Lake Friendly Tips to Reduce Your Impact

• Shovel & Scrape

To minimize the need for salt, don't let the snow buildup.

• Apply Sand and Ashes if Needed for Traction

These materials can be swept up and reused later.

• Apply Ice Melting Products Sparingly

A little goes a long way—you don't need to feel the crunch.

• Use Chloride Free Alternatives

Scan QR code for a list of products and where they can be purchased.



• Use a Snowplow Service?

Support those who are Green SnowPro Certified. Scan QR code to learn more about this State program.



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