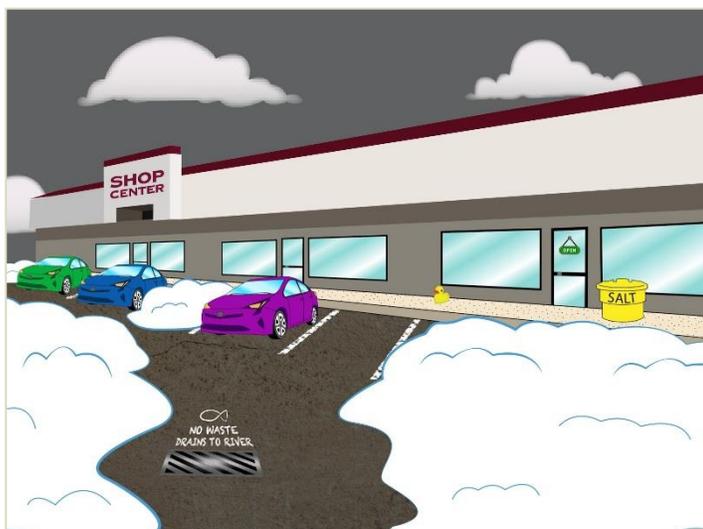




SNOW REMOVAL TIPS: KEEP LINCOLN'S WETLANDS HEALTHY

As a business owner, property manager, or landowner, you are responsible for pollutants that leave your property. You play a big role in keeping our waterways clean and healthy! Follow these tips to properly store and handle materials like salt (deicers) and maintain your drainage infrastructure to protect your property from flooding and limit any pollution entering our streams and rivers.

DO



- Always cover salt piles or store in a building / shed.
- Use the least amount of deicer necessary to break the ice/pavement bond.
- Keep storm drains, catch basins, and stormwater structures clear of snow, litter, and leaves. They clog these structures.
- Maintain stormwater infrastructure (remove debris collected in catch basins, swales, etc.) **annually** or in accordance with your Operations & Maintenance Plan. Keep a maintenance log.

Don't



- Don't leave salt and ice melt uncovered or open to rain and snow.
- Do not apply deicer near wetlands, waterways, or vegetation.
- Don't dump oil, grease or ANYTHING into a storm drain, or other stormwater structure. Doing so negatively impacts the environment and has the potential to cause localized flooding.

Why is this necessary?

Rain that falls on the paved surfaces of your property picks up oil, trash and dirt as it drains into our municipal drainage system. This stormwater runoff ends up in our lakes, rivers, and streams. It's the fastest growing type of water pollution in Massachusetts. Stormwater pollution is bad business for our state's waterways. It harms fish and wildlife, makes our water unsafe to drink, and can spoil outdoor activities.

For more information on Lincoln's stormwater management programs go to:

<https://www.lincolntown.org/1010/Stormwater-and-Climate-Resiliency>

Business owners can do their part to keep Massachusetts' waterways clean.

Find more tips like these at www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org.

