

Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution This Winter

When shoveling/plowing snow this season, pay attention to where you place it:

Do:

- Pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.
- Pile snow in areas where water does not pond.
- Clear away any snow that may have been thrown onto the storm drains
- Clear your downspouts to allow melting roof snow to flow and not collect at your foundation.
- Pay special attention to places that are eroding during snow melt, make a plan to improve these areas in spring, using plants that can slow and stop erosion, such as native grasses and meadow plants or native trees and shrubs.

Don't:

- Do not pile snow on top of storm drains or near water bodies and wetlands.
- Do not pile snow onto rain gardens or bio retention areas.
- Do not overuse de-icing chemicals and salts and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways.

Also remember- more salt does not equal more melting snow. Follow product instructions when spreading deicing material and give it time to work. Sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts to help reduce pollution.

Residents are reminded that section 157-43-C of the Code of Town of Blackstone states:

No person, other than an employee in the service of the Town of Blackstone, or an employee in the service of an independent contractor acting for the Town of Blackstone, shall throw, pile, push or plow snow or ice onto a Town layout, including but not limited to a street, roadway, lane, byway or sidewalk so as to impede the flow of traffic on such ways. Whoever violates this section shall bear the cost of cleanup and shall be punished by warning on the first offense; not more than \$50 on the second offense; and not more than \$100 for any subsequent offenses. Such provisions to be enforceable by the Blackstone Police Department under the provisions of MGL c.40 A 21D.