

2017 RES-214

ENDORSORING DANE COUNTY WINTER MAINTENANCE APPLICATION RATE GUIDELINES
AND PILOTING THOSE GUIDELINES DURING WINTER 2017-18 AS PART OF A LOCAL
VOLUNTARY WINTER MAINTENANCE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Dane County is committed to continuing to improve our environment by taking action to reduce pollutants being introduced to our lakes, streams, and groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, chloride pollutants are impacting our lakes, streams, groundwater, and drinking water; and,

WHEREAS, Dane County is an active participant in Wisconsin Salt Wise, a network of organizations promoting using just the right amount of salt to keep roads and sidewalks safe and water softeners operating properly while preventing chlorides from reaching area lakes, streams and groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, other participants in Wisconsin Salt Wise include the City of Madison, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, Madison Water Utility, Madison Area Municipal Storm Water Partnership, Public Health Madison and Dane County, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, UW-Madison's Environmental Health and Safety Department, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Dane County, working with a national expert and a local advisory group, has developed application rate guidelines for use by winter maintenance professionals who apply chloride deicers to parking lots, sidewalks and trails; and,

WHEREAS, Dane County appreciates the time and professional expertise and guidance offered by those who served on our local advisory group, representing Epic, Mad Plowing and Mowing, Olson Toon Landscaping, Barnes Inc., Steve Brown Apartments, UW Health, Strand Associates, City of Sun Prairie, Village of DeForest, City of Madison, UW-Madison, Madison Water Utility, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and Dane County Facilities Management, and Land and Water Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison, working with a local advisory group including Dane County staff, has developed a Voluntary Winter Maintenance Certification Program incorporating the application rate guidelines developed by Dane County; and,

WHEREAS, the goals of the Voluntary Winter Maintenance Certification Program include safe parking lots and sidewalks, reduced chloride in surface water and ground water, and cost savings; and,

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Winter Maintenance Certification Program is open to participation by anyone who applies chloride deicers within Dane County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County endorses the Dane County application rate guidelines for use by winter maintenance professionals who apply chloride deicers to parking lots, sidewalks and trails,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the winter of 2017-18, county, city, and village staff, and private business employees who apply deicers to parking lots, sidewalks and trails are encouraged to obtain the Voluntary Winter Maintenance Certification, and conduct winter maintenance using the Dane County application rate guidelines during the pilot testing of the program and guidelines this winter; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County encourages area residents and organizations that hire winter maintenance contractors, to ask those contractors to obtain the Voluntary Winter Maintenance Certification and use the Dane County application rate guidelines.