

Stormwater Tip:

Start shoveling early! The more snow you remove, the less salt and sand you'll need. Below are some do's and don'ts when shoveling or plowing snow:

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, and make a plan to improve these areas in spring using plants that can slow and stop erosion, like 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 over use de-icing chemicals and salts, and avoid spreading around sensitive areas like waterways.