



# Material Storage and Housekeeping

NH Best Management Practices

## IMPERMEABLE SURFACE STORAGE

Store salt and liquids on an impermeable surface to prevent groundwater contamination.

## COVERED STORAGE AREAS

If possible, store your salt in a covered shed to prevent runoff. If there is not a shed available, cover your salt pile well with an impermeable membrane or tarp.

## SECONDARY CONTAINMENT

Keep your liquids in an appropriate storage container. Secondary containment should be used in case a leak develops in the primary container.

## PROPER DRAINAGE & COLLECTION

Protect your ground water supply! A drainage system should be in place to collect runoff from your salt pile, as well as to collect any liquids that may escape containment. Remember, the collected liquid can be used as a base for salt brine.

## Proper Material Storage

Proper storage of materials (especially chemicals) is essential. If impermeable surfaces are NOT used in your storage facilities and brine infiltrates the ground or groundwater, you need to register with the DES under the Groundwater Discharge Permit and Registration Rules, Env-Wq 402. It is a free registration used for tracking potential contaminant sources.



## Liquid Storage

Brine stored using holding tanks must be managed so that there are no releases to drains, groundwater or surface water.

## Secondary Containment

Secondary containment for your liquid storage is a HIGHLY recommended technique to help reduce soil and groundwater contamination. If a tank begins leak, the secondary containment prevents liquid from seeping into sensitive environments.



## NHDES Fact Sheet DWGB-22-30

This fact sheet outlines the basic required specifications for salt and chemical storage facilities. For additional information, please contact the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau at (603)271-2513 or [dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov](mailto:dwgbinfo@des.nh.gov), or visit their website at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/index.html>. The Salt Storage Handbook contains more information and guidelines that should be referenced.

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