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What can you do?

Contract with certified commercial applicators to maintain your parking lots, driveway surfaces and sidewalks or suggest your existing maintenance company get certified.

How can your organization benefit from certification?

Reduce Your Liability

Certified commercial salt applicators – and property owners who hire them – who follow best management practices and are certified by the State of NH are provided with limited liability for slip and fall cases arising from snow or ice.

Maintain Safe Parking Lots, Driveway Surfaces & Sidewalks

The goal of the program is to ensure safe conditions for pedestrians and vehicles while improving efficiency in salt use.

Reduce Impacts to Local Water Bodies

Once in our surface and groundwater, there is no practical way to remove salt. Responsibly reducing unnecessary salt use reduces the impact and preserves the quality of our freshwaters and wildlife.

How do I find a certified commercial applicator?

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