Maintain safe parking lots, sidewalks, and driveway surfaces while reducing environmental impacts from salt and limit your liability.
What can you do?
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How can your organization benefit from the certification?

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Reduce Impacts to Local Water Bodies
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Why is salt reduction important?
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