

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

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De-Icing Policy

I. Purpose:

Road salt contributes to increased salinity in freshwater bodies, causing degradation of the habitat necessary to support aquatic life, such as trout. This policy is aimed at cleaning up leftover salt piles that are sometimes deposited when the driver starts up or stops the spreader.

II. Definitions:

Road Salt - Road salt is a large-crystal rock salt that's sprinkled directly onto roadways using specially equipped salt trucks. Chemically, road salt is typically either sodium chloride (the same as table salt) or calcium chloride

Salt - for this purpose deicing salts that reduce the melting point of water and prevent ice from forming. Sodium chloride is the most commonly used product for deicing roads, sidewalks, parking lots and driveways.

Salt Piles - the commercial storage of common salt (sodium chloride)] Spreader - a device used for spreading or scattering a substance over a wide area.

III. Regulated Activities:

RCNJ Staff should routinely inspect storage structures. During active months, grounds employees/outside contractors shall immediately collect any material spilled during loading or unloading operations and return it to the storage structure. Salt piles must be cleaned up within 72 hours of the storm, as conditions allow. During the offseason, Grounds employees shall identify and fix any leaks, weak points or corroded areas at any salt storage structure or any salt spreading equipment.

IV. Exemptions:

None

V. Violations:

- a) Any College student who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to official warning, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions in accordance with the College's Student Conduct Code.
- b) Any College officer, staff member, employee, or agent who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.
- c) Any other person who has entered into a contract or agreement with the College to provide equipment, materials, supplies, or services on college property, and who is found to be in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with the contract or agreement.
- d) Any visitor, guest, or other person who is not identified under V.a, V.b, or V.c above, and who continues to be in violation of this regulation, after being duly notified, is subject to being banned from college property by the Director of Public Safety or prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.

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