



Be a Salt Smart Hero!

Winter can be slippery, and salt can melt the ice on roads and sidewalks to help keep everyone safe. But did you know that too much salt can be bad for our rivers, plants, pets and roads?

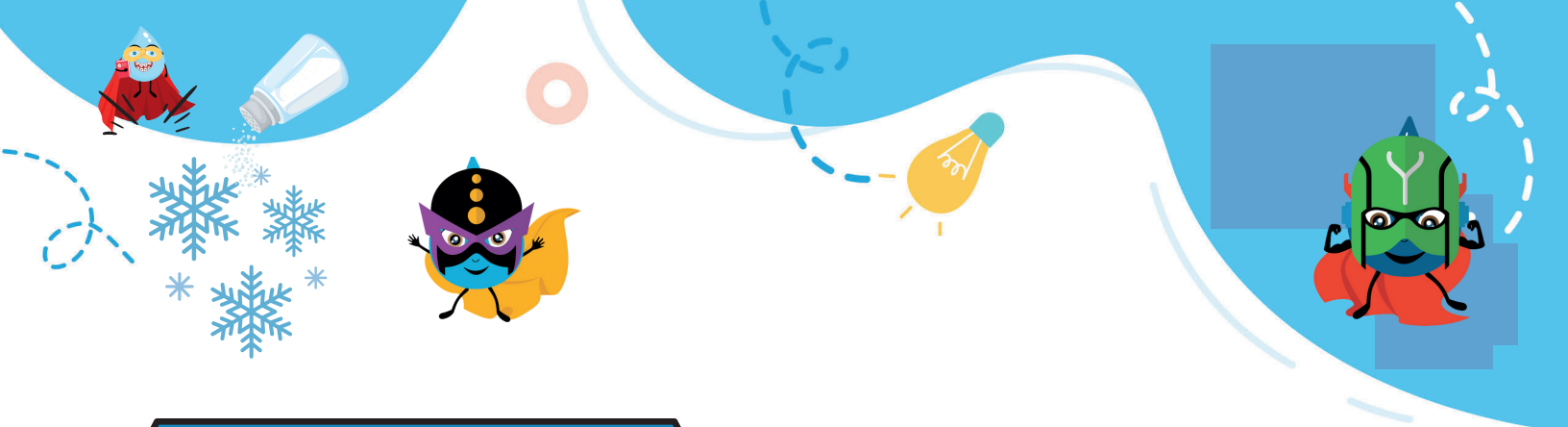
Let's learn how to use salt the smart way!

- **Less is More:** Only use the right amount of salt. More salt doesn't melt more ice; it only goes to waste.
- **Spread Evenly:** Scatter the salt evenly over the icy areas where you will be walking, like your porch or driveway.
- **Clean Up:** Once the ice melts, sweep up the leftover salt so it doesn't wash away into our waterways.

Reasons to Be Salt Smart

- **Happy Pets:** Salt can irritate your pets' paws and be harmful if ingested.
- **Strong Roads:** Excess salt can damage roads and sidewalks over time.
- **Being Salt Smart** protects clean water in our local water bodies.





Salt Smart Pledge

I promise to help keep everyone safe and protect the environment by being Salt Smart. I will use the right amount of salt, spread it evenly in the right places and clean up any extra!

Write your name on the badge!

1. Why is salt used in the winter?

2. What happens if we use too much salt?

3. Where should we use salt and how should it be spread?

4. Should you leave salt on the ground if there's no ice?

5. Why should we be Salt Smart?
