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RE: Use of Salt on Concrete Sidewalks and Curb Ramps

As you know, the City has undertaken a project to replace concrete sidewalks in front of or near your residence. In the first year after installation, the concrete is more susceptible to damage from salt compounds that are typically used for winter de-icing. Repeated heavy applications of rock salt and other chloride-based deicers can cause scaling and flaking of the concrete surface.

In order to minimize the potential for damage, the Department of Public Works kindly asks that you refrain from using salt on the new concrete sidewalks and curb ramps installed near your home for the first winter to allow the concrete to cure properly.

We ask that you use shoveling and sand application to remove snow and ice from the concrete sidewalks. Winter sand is free for residents (with or without a transfer station sticker) and is available at the Department of Public Works, 125 Locust Street, on a self-serve basis during the Transfer Station open hours.

If you find it to be unsafe without the use of salt on the concrete sidewalks, we ask that you use it sparingly.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at dpwinfo@northamptonma.gov or 413-587-1570. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

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