

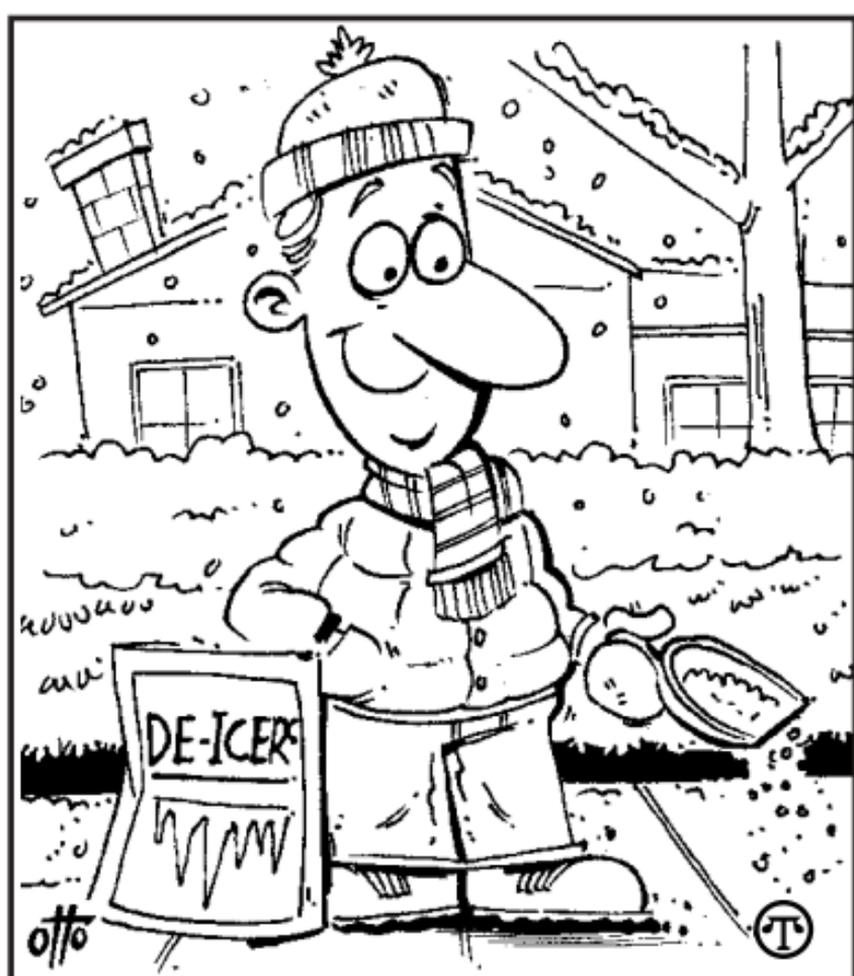
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# YOUR GARDEN

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## Protect Vegetation From Deicer Damage

(NAPSA)—Many people don't think about damaging their lawns when spreading deicers and removing ice and snow. By the time they notice browning in the spring, it's too late.



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Most deicers are safe for vegetation when used properly. When problems do occur, they are often caused by people over-applying deicers while trying to completely melt snow and ice. This can hurt vegetation just as fertilizer can burn a lawn when too much is applied.

The correct way is to spread only enough deicer to penetrate and break the bond between the ice and the pavement. Loosened snow and ice may be easily removed. Minimizing deicer use is good for vegetation and good for the pocketbook.

While rock salt contains sodium, which can damage soil structure, the calcium in calcium chloride is a plant nutrient. Calcium chloride is applied to many crops as a calcium source, helping improve the quality of many fruits and vegetables.

By using deicers properly and following the recommended application rate, homeowners and maintenance professionals can help ensure that lawns, flowers and bushes will be healthy when spring arrives.

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