

**TO:** Environmental Committee  
**FROM:** Assistant Parks & Rec Director  
**DATE:** June 1, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Smart Salting Initiatives

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Councilperson Eastman recently attended a Smart Salting Class for City Leaders, hosted by the MPCA and Dakota County. She has shared lots of great information for the Committee to look at and discuss.

Here are some links from MPCA that include classes, grants, small business programs and ordinance/policy for cities. There is a statewide chloride management plan too.

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/statewide-chloride-resources>

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/small-business-environmental-improvement-loans>

<https://www.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/salt-mini-course/>

Opportunities include:

As part of Greenstep Cities, there are model ordinances on chloride reduction that the Environmental Committee may want to look into.

- Update ordinances/plumbing codes to prohibit installation of new water softener systems. Also could have rebate program to remove residential/commercial water softeners.
- Ordinance on chloride management post construction.
- Ordinance/policy on sweeping up excess salt following storm events for businesses and residents.
- MPCA has model contracts for snow & ice management systems that property managers or homeowner associations might want to use.
- Education programs for residents, businesses, groups.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss ways to educate residents about Smart Salting