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Purpose

Control of ice and snow on City streets by application of salt, a salt/brine liquid mix and/or sand.

Policy Statement

*Please note: City of St. John's snow clearing policies are currently under review and revision. For current information on snow clearing practices please visit [Snow Clearing - City of St Johns](#)

1. Immediately upon the recognition of slippery street conditions, the City will commence application of salt, a salt/brine liquid mix or sand.
2. If the slippery condition is caused by falling snow, and the rate of accumulation and/or temperature is such that salt does not have any significant effect, then further application will be suspended until such time as conditions warrant its use again.
3. Application of the specified material shall be by means of vehicle-mounted mechanical spreading units. In areas where such units cannot effectively operate, salt storage boxes may be placed to allow for spreading by hand, by either City employees or motorists.
4. In areas where the application is of salt alone, as specified herein, the rate and frequency of application shall be sufficient to provide traction upon application, and subsequent melting of accumulated snow and ice, where reasonable.
5. Materials for ice control, and the areas for use of each, will be as follows:
 - a. With the exception of those streets noted in (b) and (c) below salt only, without any sand content, will be applied to all including major/minor arterials and collectors in areas where abutting properties use wells as a source of water.
 - b. Sand only, without any salt content, will be applied to all gravel-surfaced streets.
 - c. Sand only, without any salt content, will be applied to all residential areas where abutting properties use wells as a source of water.
6. Ice control for surfaces other than streets shall, if approved, be in accordance with other relevant City policies.

Application

Responsibilities

Department of Public Works and Parks.

Definition

References/Appendix

Monitoring and Contravention

Approvals

Department of Engineering and Works Policy Manual Item 3112. Approved by the Director of Engineering and Works, November 29, 1990. Never formally approved by Council. Public Works and Environment Standing Committee report - May 13, 2003; Regular Meeting of Council - May 20, 2003.

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