


Protect our streams and lessen your use of road salt at home!

You didn't hear it from us but . . . potential for more snow this week! Remember, rock salt doesn't just disappear when all the snow melts; it is washed into our lakes, rivers, and streams and has an almost immediate effect on water quality. As a homeowner, consider reducing salt use by applying brine, not rock salt, before a snow storm and shoveling frequently to keep snow from accumulating. For more ways to protect water quality in the Rouge River visit: www.allianceofrougecommunities.com



HOME RECIPE FOR BRINE

What you need:

- * 1 1/2 gallons hot water
- * 3-4 cups rock or table salt
- * Bucket
- * Sprayer

Directions:

Combine salt and hot water (which helps dissolve the salt) in bucket until all salt is dissolved completely (so salt chunks don't clog sprayer). Pour mixed brine into a sprayer and apply to sidewalk and driveway prior to a snowfall. Each gallon should cover 1,000 square feet of surface (about 200 feet of sidewalk).

End of Winter Paddle Trip

Enjoy the Rouge River as winter ends and spring begins. Sign up for the Friends of the Rouge End of Winter Paddle Trip on the Rouge Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 9:30am - 12pm. Meet at Dearborn Hills Golf Course and paddle the Rouge downstream to Ford Field Park in Dearborn, MI. Enjoy the Rouge River as winter ends and spring begins. The winter perspective of the river, absent from the leaves of its dense tree canopy, reveals a picturesque landscape that is rarely experienced. Fire Pit, coffee, hot chocolate, dry bag giveaway raffle that includes 4 tickets to a Detroit Red Wings Hockey Game. Motor City Canoe and Kayak will provide livery and shuttle services. If you are bringing your own boat, there is a \$10 shuttle fee. It is \$40 to rent a kayak or canoe.

Winter Paddling Tips

Paddling in winter is for experienced paddlers. All participants are required to wear a personal floatation device. We recommend that paddlers dress in layers and wear a thick woolly hat. A dry suit is the best winter paddling solution. We also suggest that you wear a thick warm paddler's cap, pogies, neoprene gloves, and thick warm waterproof boots. It is also recommended that paddlers bring a change of clothes, just in case you take an unexpected dip. Lastly, we recommend that you bring a dry bag to store electronic devices or snacks.

Sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZurL0YCsf6rFGpNygnv0DHcDg0IXMFrBEmeEy6HsQJcEpg/viewform>



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