



SAFER WINTER WALKWAYS

De-ice your walkways, and reduce the risk of winter slips and falls with environmentally responsible product choices.

When left untreated, snow and ice can accumulate on your walkways, driveways and parking lots, transforming them into dangerous ice rinks.

Traditional deicer solutions come with their own issues, leaving a corrosive and slippery white film that poses safety risks.

Innovations in deicers, however, are helping to create safer alternatives that are more gentle on your floors and the environment.



ROCK SALT

VS

ICE MELT



ROCK SALT lowers the freezing point of water by creating a brine solution, breaking the bond between snow and ice.

PROs: Instant traction, cheaper upfront

CONs: Doesn't work well in colder temperatures, toxic to plants & animals, and corrosive to surfaces

ICE MELT is a de-icer made from a combination of ingredients that work in colder temperatures. Many are coated in magnesium chloride to reduce damage to surfaces and the environment. Dyes help avoid overuse.

PROs: Fast acting in cold temperatures, safer for plants & animals, takes longer to damage surfaces than salt.

CONs: More expensive upfront; not all provide traction

HOW TO DECIDE?

PROs and CONs



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

CLIMATE: If you are in areas with extreme temperatures it's best to choose ice melt as salt starts losing effectiveness at -9C.

BUDGET: Salt is cheaper upfront but requires upkeep to wash away corrosive residue.

TRACTION NEEDED: Rock salt creates instant traction, but many ice melt products with special treatments improve traction while being more gentle.

Whether you choose salt or ice melt, the effectiveness and impact depend significantly on how you use them. It's important to get expert guidance on application techniques, timings, and post-cleaning protocols.

Swish representatives would be happy to discuss the different options based on your application and temperature requirements.

DEICING ESSENTIALS



Swish Ice Rid+® Ice Melter

50 bags per skid
#3914 • 20 kg bag

60 pails per skid
#3914-18 • Convenient stackable pail with resealable lid 18 kg pail

MELTS FASTER IN LOWER TEMPERATURES
-32°C/-25°F



Swish Clean & Green® Ice Melter

56 bags per skid
#3919 • 18 kg bag

100 bags per skid
#3918 • 10 kg bag

1000 kg Tote Available

MELTS TO -24°C/-11°F



Swish is Canada's source for quality cleaning supplies and equipment.

We help businesses small and large develop cost and health-effective cleaning programs so your customers and employees can feel confident in the safety of your facilities. If you are looking for a single-source supplier with best-in-class products and technologies, we can help you develop custom programs that scale with you - no matter how big the job. Our national team and distribution network are ready to support your organization from training to planned maintenance.

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