



GET A GRIP ON SNOW AND ICE



Give winter the boot!

While salt can make winter safer, it's only part of the answer. Do your part. Protect yourself from slips and falls by wearing sturdy footwear designed for snow and ice.

Did you know?

Waterloo Region depends on groundwater in aquifers for 80 per cent of its drinking water, and the Grand River for the remaining 20 per cent. When snow melts or when it rains, salt can wash into our waterways or seep into the ground. Damaging sodium and chloride from winter salt can eventually make its way to our drinking water wells.

**Our tap water is safe to drink.
Together, let's keep it clean for future generations.**

To keep your driveway and sidewalk clear of snow and ice

1. Shovel as soon as possible after a snowfall.
2. For icy patches:
 - a. Use a traction aid like kitty litter to reduce the potential to slip.
 - b. Sprinkle de-icing materials on icy areas only, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for working temperatures and application rates.
 - c. Give de-icing material time to do its work.
 - d. And remember the five **Rs**:
Right material, **R**ight time, **R**ight places, **R**ight amount and **R**etain.
3. To help prevent future icy build-ups:
 - a. Redirect downspouts away from sidewalks and driveways.
 - b. Shovel unsalted snow to lower areas or onto lawns to direct melting snow away from paved areas.



The (anatomy of a) winter boot: What to look for

This winter, stay safe on driveways, parking lots, and walkways. Protect yourself from slips and falls by wearing sturdy footwear made for Canadian winters.

Your safety in winter conditions is an investment in the health and well-being of you and your loved ones – take the time and effort to invest in quality winter boots that will keep you safe and warm all winter long.



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