

Environmental specifications

For winter maintenance/snow removal at certain state-owned properties
Contract releases S-687, S-944, and S-1004

Mandatory

Equipment maintained and calibrated. All equipment and machinery used on state property in furtherance of this contract must be calibrated and maintained per its manufacturer's recommendations.

Reports for MPCA. The Contract Vendor must submit reports to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) as required. These reports may include, but are not limited to, the following: application rates or deicing material, application amounts, and machinery upkeep and maintenance.

Deicing. The Contract Vendor must only apply deicing methods that have been approved by the property manager or contract manager. The Contract Vendor must immediately clean up all deicing material that has been spilled or excessively applied. The Contract Vendor should only use salt (NaCl) if pavement temperature is above 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Desirable

Minnesota road salt applicators training certificate. All individuals applying deicing material on state property should hold a current Minnesota Road Salt Applicators Training Certificate. This free training issued by the MPCA takes 4-5 hours to complete.

Note: An additional recommendation, not currently included in the State of Minnesota contracts, is to specify that vendors charge by the hour for deicing services, not by the ton of product applied. This creates an incentive for taking time for proper deicing by manual methods, and creates a disincentive for the over-application of deicing chemicals.