

How to become MPCA Smart Salting Level II Certified

This is an organizational* certification. This means a private or public entity. The organization can include one assessment submittal for the whole organization or multiple submittals for an organization as long as each submittal has a unique address. (i.e. the city of Medina, MNDOT's Plymouth truck station, Ace Snow Removal west metro branch, or Johnson Lawn and Snow).

To become Smart Salting Level II certified an organization must:

1. Using the winter maintenance tool found at [http://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/Winter_Maintenance_Assessment_tool_\(WMA_t\)](http://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/Winter_Maintenance_Assessment_tool_(WMA_t)) complete the BMP and SS assessment for the most recent fully completed winter maintenance season, for example, if you are filling it out report on Jan. 1, you will have to answer based on the previous season.
2. Submit the following items to MPCA: Application sheet for Smart Salting Level II Certification and the 3 WMA reports 1) Summary of BMP Question Responses for Current Report, 2) BMP Question Responses: Summary Charts Report, and 3) Salt Savings Summary 1 Report. Reports should include all of the surface type(s) in which you are involved, not a separate report for each surface type. Reports can be submitted via
 - Email at andrew.ronchak@state.mn.us
 - Mail to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Attn: Andy Ronchak
520 Lafayette Road N
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

It does not matter what the reports say, you can have poor practice, and you may have increased salt use. Becoming Smart Salting Level II Certified does not require you or people from your organization to be level I certified, recommended not required. You do not need to attend a level ii training to become Level II certified. There are instructions on MPCA WEBSITE on how to become Level II certified.

What MPCA will do for you:

1. Post your organizations name as being level II certified on the MPCA website
2. Send you a certification by email to be printed out or by mail

To maintain your Level II certification

The organization certification period will be indefinite as long as the organization updates and resubmits the Best Management Practices and Salt Savings reports. We are hoping for a shift in positive practices and salt savings, depending on where you are in your operations this may or may not be possible. You may want to comment on your situation. If you have any salt saving numbers from a change in practice, please share to help make the tool the best it can be.