

**Town of Chelsea
Public Salt/Sand Shed
Use Policy**

Purpose:

It is the intent of this policy to provide a source of sand and salt (mixed) for residential use. The Board of Selectmen recognizes that weather conditions occasionally result in extremely slippery conditions and that the availability of a small amount of sand/salt can greatly enhance the safety of the citizenry. This program will provide the availability of the public to obtain without charge up to 2 five-gallon buckets of sand/salt per Chelsea household per week.

Scope:

This program is available to residents of the Town of Chelsea only, and on a limited basis, said limitations stated below.

Authority:

The Chelsea Selectboard, being the duly elected and sworn municipal officers, implement this policy as a public safety expenditure pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 5722(1), general operation of the municipal government.

Policy & Limitations:

1. A separate storage building shall be used by residents to store a limited amount of sand mixed with salt.

2. Residents of Chelsea only may obtain no more than two 5-gallon containers of salt/sand for each household per week. Residents are to provide their own container and the means to load the container and transport it to the destination of use.
3. The plowing contractor and the Town Manager shall be responsible for monitoring the salt/sand supply and abuses of the residents' privilege and shall report such abuses to the Selectboard. The report shall include the date and time of the abuse, the vehicle description of the offender and a brief written description of the alleged abuse.
4. The site is monitored and properly posted. Residents found abusing the limitations or trespassing on the property shall be subject to be summoned for trespassing or theft by the appropriate law enforcement agency.
5. Neither the Town of Chelsea nor the plowing contractor assumes any responsibility for making sure the storage area has salt/sand stockpiled. The stockpile shall be enclosed so that runoff from precipitation does not pollute the groundwater below.
6. Use of the public salt/sand is at the user's own risk. Neither the town nor the plowing contractor shall be held liable for any damages or injuries incurred in the loading, transportation, or use of the material. The private salt/sand shed shall be off limits to public. The loading of sand shall be restricted to the times when the access is not gated.

Definitions:

1. **Resident** – A person domiciled in the Town of Chelsea. Proof of residency shall be provided upon request. Proof may consist of a vehicle registration, voter registration record, driver's license, hunting license, deed to a property, lease, or utility bill identifying the physical address.

2. **Container** – A bucket or other suitable container not exceeding 5 gallons in size.
3. **Loading** – The act of transferring material from the available pile into a container
4. **Abuse** – The act of loading greater than two 5-gallon buckets per Chelsea household per week of material. The act of transporting material outside Chelsea.

Adoption Date:

This policy is adopted on October 14, 2020 by the Chelsea Selectboard and shall be reviewed annually.

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