

VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD  
ORDINANCE NO. 3962

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 190 OF THE CODE  
OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT,

AT SECTION 190-120, "ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood:

Section 1. Chapter 190, Land Use and Development, of the Code of the Village of Ridgewood is hereby amended as follows:

**ADD**

Chapter 190, Section 120 - I. "Privately Owned Deicing Material Storage Facilities"

**1. Purpose:**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid deicing materials from being exposed to rainwater, which can result in runoff contamination entering the storm water collection system.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid deicing materials on private properties in the Village of Ridgewood, including residences, to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**2. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "Deicing materials" means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow and/or ice.
- B. "Impervious surface" means any surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
- C. "Storm drain inlet" means the point of entry into the storm sewer collection system.

D. "Permanent structure" means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures shall require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
2. The design shall prevent storm water run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.

E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, entity, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

### **3. Deicing Material Storage Requirements:**

A. Temporary outdoor storage of deicing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>:

1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents storm water run-through;
2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other storm water conveyance channels;
3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;

4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:

- a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
- b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
- c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
- d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
- e. Weights shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.

(1) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;

5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and

6. The site shall be free of all deicing materials between April 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>.

B. Deicing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose deicing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 through April 15.

C. All such temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with any and all other Village of Ridgewood ordinances, including building and zoning regulations.

D. The property owner, or owner of the deicing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.

1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

**4. Exemptions:**

Residents may store deicing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the deicing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) deicing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section 3 above. Piles of deicing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the storm water discharges from deicing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

**5. Enforcement:**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Village of Ridgewood Police Department, the Village of Ridgewood Director of the Department of Public Works or their designee, the Village of Ridgewood Code Enforcement Officer, and any individuals so designated by the Village Manager.

**6. Violations and Penalties:**

Any person(s) found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines.


Section 2: Except as herein amended and supplemented, Chapter 190 of The Code of The Village of Ridgewood remains in full force and effect.

Section 3: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law

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FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Perron, Reynolds, Weitz, Winograd  
And Mayor Vagianos


NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
RECUSE: NONE  
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Paul Vagianos, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Heather A. Mailander  
Village Clerk