

PROCLAMATION: WINTER SALT WEEK
JANUARY 26-30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Village of Elm Grove relies on deicing salt as part of its winter maintenance program to maintain safe and accessible roadways; and

WHEREAS, all the salt applied to roadways ends up in our freshwater; and

WHEREAS, chloride contamination from deicing salt has been found in lakes, streams, and groundwater in watersheds and across the state; and

WHEREAS, reducing overuse of deicing salt reduces damage to infrastructure and property, protects freshwater resources, and reduces harm to aquatic plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to raise awareness among residents, businesses, and local government agencies about the responsible use of deicing salt to protect both public safety and the long-term health of our freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, Winter Salt Week provides an opportunity to educate our community about the responsible use of deicing salt, including environmental considerations and effective application methods; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Elm Grove can contribute to deicing salt pollution reduction efforts locally by learning about smart salting practices, engaging in safe winter driving, hiring trained service providers, and participating in the WI Salt Wise program; and

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to promoting a sustainable approach to winter maintenance for the benefit of present and future generations;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we the Village of Elm Grove Board of Trustees, proclaim January 26-30, 2026 as

“WINTER SALT WEEK”

in our Elm Grove and urge all residents, businesses, and city departments to take part in activities and initiatives that promote the responsible use of deicing salt and encourage the adoption of winter maintenance strategies which maintain safety while reducing environmental harm.

Dated this ___ day of December 2025.