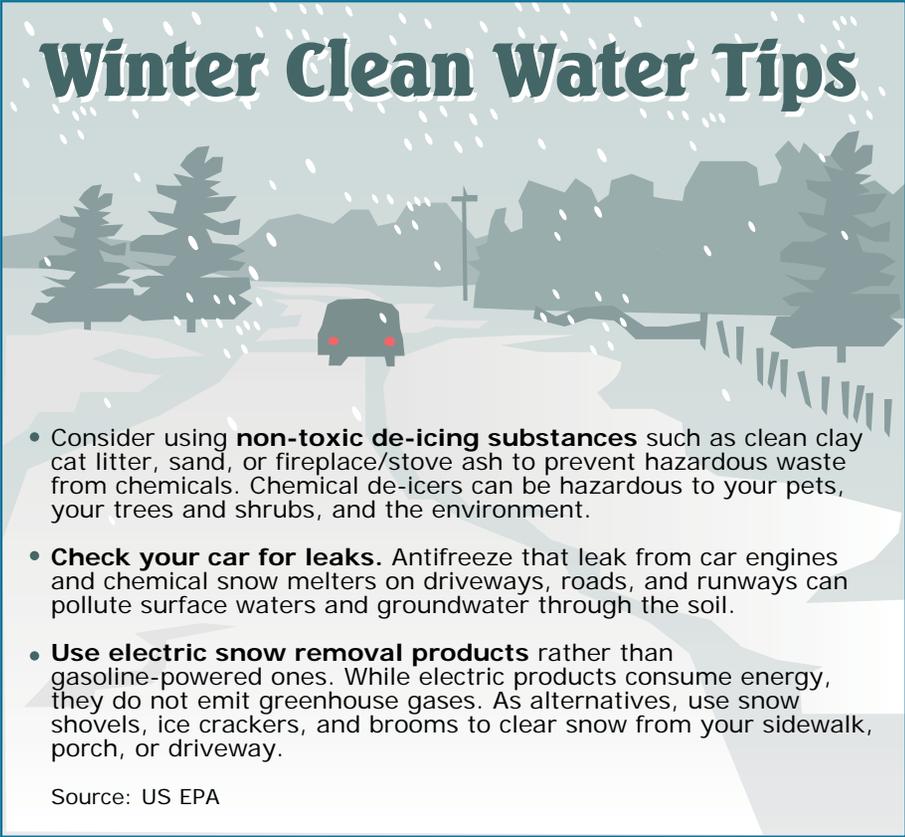


# Winter Clean Water Tips

A stylized illustration of a winter scene. Snow is falling from the sky. In the foreground, a dark car is driving on a road. To the left, there are several evergreen trees. In the background, there are silhouettes of houses and a utility pole. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, blues, and whites.

- Consider using **non-toxic de-icing substances** such as clean clay cat litter, sand, or fireplace/stove ash to prevent hazardous waste from chemicals. Chemical de-icers can be hazardous to your pets, your trees and shrubs, and the environment.
- **Check your car for leaks.** Antifreeze that leak from car engines and chemical snow melters on driveways, roads, and runways can pollute surface waters and groundwater through the soil.
- **Use electric snow removal products** rather than gasoline-powered ones. While electric products consume energy, they do not emit greenhouse gases. As alternatives, use snow shovels, ice crackers, and brooms to clear snow from your sidewalk, porch, or driveway.

Source: US EPA