



Time to shovel the snow removal myths!

I Wake up and shovel snow, I go to work and shovel snow, I come home and shovel snow! It seems like it will never end..... It can be easy at times like this to grumble and try desperate measures to make the work easier. Often times these measures do much more harm than good. Not only do they cause damage to the environment, they tend to damage your pocket book as well! Here are some common myths and facts about snow and ice removal!

Myth: If I add more chemical deicer it will clear my sidewalk faster.

Fact: Adding more deicer than recommended will not make it work faster, it just cost you more money! The chemical can only work as fast as the temperature and conditions will allow. Read the directions and save a buck!

Myth: Chemical deicer will remove snow and ice without shoveling.

Fact: Chemical deicer is a snow and ice removal **aid** only. If used properly it will help loosen ice from pavement making it easier to remove with a shovel. If used improperly it will only make a mess and add to your frustration.

Myth: Sand, kitty litter, and ash melt snow and are more eco-friendly.

Fact: These items only help with traction on ice, they do not melt snow like a deicer. They can actually cause their own set of environmental problems!

For more information on snow and ice removal check out the following sites:

<http://www.consciouschoice.com/1999/cc1201/slipslidingaway1201.html>

<http://www.stclairshores.net/stormwateredu.htm>