Ice Melt with LBN

Ice melt is an important facet of the Winter season and is commonly used for prevention of accumulation of ice and snow.

At LBN, we don't cut corners, and we follow that practice into the small details, including the ice melt we use.

A high level of service is a standard at LBN and of the utmost importance to us. We value the importance of safety among all residents, visitors, pets and property itself. This is why we chose, and continue to choose, a leading-brand product that is corrosion inhibited.

> **What does corrosion inhibited mean?**
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> A corrosion inhibitor **helps fight against rust**, as well as deterioration of environments it comes in contact with.

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Service Overview

Our staff are trained to visit our sites frequently throughout the Winter season to perform ice checks and prepare for upcoming weather changes. We apply ice melt preventatively before snow fall, as well as during storms to maintain snow and ice melting efficiency.

Service Benefits

Applying ice melt is important during a Winter season due to the hazards of allowing snow and ice to accumulate without prevention interference. Using the product prior to a snow event will cause brine to form when it is in contact with snow and will help prevent ice from bonding to surfaces. While it may not melt all the snow that falls, applying ice melt prior to snowfall will also simplify ice and snow removal.

> **Did you know?**
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> It's commonly assumed that the term "ice melt" refers to anything that melts snow and ice, including rock salt. Ice melt actually refers to its own class of compounds, which is separate from rock salt.
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> Rock salt is a commonly used product for melting snow and ice. It works by forming a brine that has a lower freezing point than water, causing ice to melt. At LBN, we use rock salt for roads, and ice melt for pedestrian areas.
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> Ice melt also works by lowering the freezing temperature of water, however the specific components of the product are generally safer for pedestrian areas. Ice melt also typically works faster and at lower temperatures.

Optimal Timing

Ice melt is best used on dry sidewalks to help prevent ice from forming as well as for melting ice and compact snow when temperatures are above -25c. Loose snow is best removed prior to application.

Service Delivery

Our crews will attend your site frequently throughout a Winter season. They will check for ice accumulation and prepare for upcoming snowfall by treating the high-traffic areas.

Payment Information

Ice melt is included in our all-inclusive Winter contract agreements. You will not see an invoice for use of ice melt by our staff.

However, we do offer ice-melt and gravel bins for purchase to be kept on-site for use of homeowners and residents. If your complex chooses to purchase bins to keep on-site, there is a charge for refilling the bins. Rest assured - we will let you know when the bins appear low, and we won't refill without your permission.

> **Interested in hearing more about our on-site bin service?**
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> We are happy to open a discussion with you to determine if this service is the right fit for your complex. Reach our sales team directly by emailing: service@landscapersbynature.com.

FAQ's

- **Is the ice melt you use safe for animals?**
    - The product we use is safer for animals and children than the many other cheaper brands of ice melt. While small amounts exposed to skin are unlikely to harm animals and humans, too much of anything is rarely a good thing. We recommend practicing safety when in contact with any brand of ice melt. In doing so, you can take steps such as ensuring exposed and open skin is not in contact with the product. We recommend keeping a close eye on your pets to ensure the product is not ingested. For additional protection, paw covers are an excellent purchase for the Winter season!
- **Is the ice melt you use safe for concrete?**
    - Similarly to pets, the product we use is safer for exposure to concrete, grass and wood than other cheaper brands. It is corrosion inhibited; meaning it has ingredients to reduce the rust and corrosion of the items listed above, while still doing its job of

keeping your typically icy areas, dry. Our staff are trained to identify the correct amount of ice melt to use per area, and they apply the amount needed for effectiveness.

- **We have freshly installed concrete, does the product you use fall under warranty agreements?**
    - The product we regularly use may or may not be suitable. It is best to confirm with the warranty provider and/or concrete company.

> **Inquiring about the specific product we use?**
> The brand we know and love is Environmelt.

What's Next?

Do you have additional questions not answered in this article? Email our Sales and Customer Service team at service@landscapersbynature.com.

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