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**SUBJECT: Residents asked to use Road Sand Collection Sites to Dispose Salt and Sand**

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[Duluth, MN] It's spring cleanup time! The City of Duluth invites residents to dispose of excess road salt and sand from sidewalks, curbs, and boulevards at one of the Road Sand Collection Sites set up around the City.

Street sweepers collect road sand from the streets as quickly as possible in the spring, but any additional cleanup help from residents is appreciated. If sand is not picked up before spring rains, it washes into our streams and can damage critical trout habitats. With help from residents last year, the City collected 5.89 tons of sand in four weeks that would have otherwise gone into local creeks and streams as a part of this program.

The best way to dispose of road sand is to sweep it up and bring it to one of the four dumpsites that the City has set up around Duluth. The collection sites are large, green, roll-off dumpsters marked with a sign. They are open to all Duluth residents to drop off-road sand from their sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Sites are located at the following locations:

- Chester Bowl (near the playground)
- Duluth Heights Community Club Parking Lot
- Piedmont Community Center
- Wheeler Field (towards the back)
- Portman Community Center (47th Avenue East)

These sites are monitored for illegal dumping. Please dispose of yard waste, leaves, grass clippings, and brush at the WLSSD yard waste site.

Catch basins lead directly to our streams and Lake Superior, not to the wastewater treatment plant. Please do not dump anything into them. Contact the City of Duluth at 730-4130 during business hours or 730-4100 on evenings and weekends to report any illegal discharge or dumping.

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