

January 15, 2026

Re: Winter Weather Update: Area-Wide Salt Shortage

Dear Residents,

We are writing to inform you of an area-wide shortage of road and walkway salt affecting Geauga County and surrounding communities. At this time, our snowplow contractor has confirmed that salt is largely unavailable, and existing supplies are being prioritized for critical facilities such as hospitals and emergency services. Even local retail suppliers are currently out of stock.

The Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority is actively working with local officials and fire departments to seek priority access to salt when supplies become available. While we are hopeful, this request is still under review and approval is not guaranteed.

Our maintenance and plowing crews will continue to plow entrances, drives, parking areas, and walkways as weather conditions require. However, due to the salt shortage, these areas may remain icy or slippery for longer periods than usual.

For your safety, we ask all residents and visitors to please:

- Use extra caution when entering and exiting buildings
- Walk slowly and deliberately on sidewalks and walkways
- Exercise care in parking lots and drive lanes
- Wear appropriate footwear for winter conditions

We understand this is an inconvenience and appreciate your patience and cooperation as we navigate this situation. We will provide updates as conditions change or if salt becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding, and please stay safe.

Sincerely,

Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority