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## Eco-Friendly Ice Melt

Each winter, ice and snow create many problems for home and business owners who may find themselves in a constant struggle to keep sidewalks, driveways and parking lots clear.

In an effort to stay one step ahead of the weather, many turn to ice melting agents but most of these contain high concentrations of sodium chloride (rock salt), a material which is a hazardous substance to plant life, and also highly corrosive to metal.

With a limited selection of ice melters it may be difficult finding an effective product that doesn't damage your property or the environment. However, there is an alternative to damaging ice melters, and it's available exclusively through NaturaLawn of America.

Natural Alternative® Ice Melt, the hardest working environmentally safer ice melt,

is a 4-way blend of powerful ice melting agents, formulated to outperform traditional ice melters in its class (continuing to melt in temperatures as low as -12°F). Unlike traditional ice melters, Natural Alternative® Ice Melt does not contain high concentrations of sodium chloride, and is much safer for plants and turf.



Natural Alternative® Ice Melt also lasts longer than competitive ice melter products, resists the freeze and thaw cycles that are damaging to concrete, and requires only one-fourth the amount of other ice melts! Natural Alternative® Ice Melt saves on time and backbreaking labor, two economic benefits everyone can enjoy.

For more information visit us on the web at [www.icemelter.com](http://www.icemelter.com) or call toll free (800) 989-5444.

## A Tick-ing Time Bomb

Despite popular belief, ticks do not go into dormancy over the winter months, making it very important to take the following precautions year-round to avoid tick bites:

- When possible, avoid wooded, bushy areas with high grass and litter.
- Use effective insect repellents by following the instructions on the label.
- Wear long pants, long sleeves, and long socks to keep ticks off your skin.
- Tuck pant legs into socks or boots to help keep ticks on the outside of clothing.
- Wear light-colored clothing to make spotting ticks easier.
- Check your skin and clothes for ticks after being outdoors—even in your own yard.

For more tick prevention visit [www.tickranger.com](http://www.tickranger.com)



## Winterizing your lawn mower



Before putting your mower away for the winter months, here are a few things to remember to do:

### Empty gas tank or add fuel stabilizer

Gas begins to lose its viability after approximately 30 days when left sitting. If left in your tank all winter, stale gas can prevent your mower from starting next spring. Drain the old gas out of the tank, or add a fuel stabilizer.

### Change the oil

Drain and remove the old oil, change the oil filter, and put new oil in.

### Clean under the mowing deck

Over the year, grass buildup will occur under the mowing deck (area where the blade cuts). Use a scraping tool to remove this buildup.

### Sharpen your blade

While it's recommended you sharpen your mowing blade several times throughout the mowing season, sharpening your blade at the end of the season will give you a fresh start when spring comes around.

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