

### **Winter Months : December, January, February**

- ✦ Salt should not be stored outside, where it can be washed into a lake or stream. Salt should only be applied when necessary – too much salt may kill grasses, as well as accelerate the breakdown of paved surfaces. Too much salt can be washed into the lakes and streams, killing fish and other freshwater aquatic life.
- ✦ Don't feed ducks and geese. Waterfowl contribute a large amount of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium – the same chemicals used in fertilizers – to the environment through their droppings. So much so, that they can damage a lake's ecosystem. Canadian geese will stay in an area as long as there is food and ice-free water, and twenty resident geese can be the equivalent of dumping a one hundred pound bag of 10% phosphorous into the lake each year. Not feeding them will encourage them to migrate.