

Master Water Stewards

Community Leadership for Clean Water

Happy New Year, Stewards! Let's keep the flow of improving our waters strong as we enter 2016. To ensure that happens, take a look at the info and upcoming events below.

Help us recruit new Stewards

Classes for the 2016 cohort of Stewards start January 19th - there's still time for you to spread the word to family, friends, strangers, estranged lovers, strangely strong strudel-makers, etc. Share your experience with them and tell them to apply online at masterwaterstewards.org

We need your data!

If you have a project that went into the ground in 2015 and you didn't get the impressive MIDS calculator results from either Lindsey or Alex, it's because we did not receive your data. If this applies to you, fill out [this form](#) and email it to [Alex](#) asap! These numbers are important for our reports and they are a great, concrete resource for you when you talk about the work you've done.

Submit your 2015 hours

Submit your volunteer and continuing education hours for the year on the Master Water Stewards [reporting page](#).

Upcoming Events



Big Island and Back! 10K

Now that winter is finally in full swing, take advantage of the ice and snow! Join us on **January 30th, 2016** for our annual 10K Nordic event benefiting the Freshwater Society and the ICA Food Shelf program. See you on race day!

Find more info and register [here](#).

15th Annual Road Salt Symposium

February 4, 2016
University of MN Landscape Arboretum
Chaska, MN

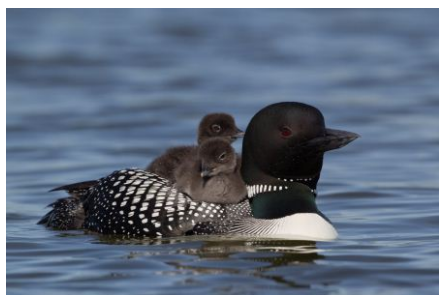


Salt and sand are helpful for keeping pavement safe in the winter, but it's important to use them correctly and sparingly. When chloride gets into our waters, there is no way for us to remove it. One teaspoon of salt can permanently pollute 5 gallons of water.

Learn about and discuss how you can help and recognize the work others have done to reduce road salt use. Find more information on speakers and register [here](#).

For more information on proper salt use at your home, click [here](#).

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District is also hosting a Winter Roads Maintenance Workshop, January 26th, 8:00-1:00 in their community room. Register [here](#).



Ice Out Loon In

Join Freshwater Society as we celebrate the changing of seasons! Our annual fundraiser and general good time is **April 7, 2016 5:30-9:00 pm at the Nicollet Island Pavilion**. There will be food, drink, music, and live and silent auctions! Save the date!

2016 State of Water Conference

Kick off your spring with a few days in lakes country and equip yourself to tackle our biggest water resource issues at the second State of Water Conference. Join us **April 14-15 at the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria**. The State of Water Conference will get you ready to protect the lakes and rivers that make Minnesota so unique.

Learn more and register [here](#)!



Water-friendly Job Listings

Urban Farm Crew Member

Stone's Throw Urban Farm, a 3-acre, certified organic vegetable farm, based in the Twin Cities is looking to hire a farm crew member for the 2016 growing season. This position would be a potential fit for someone looking for production farm experience in an urban context. For more information on the farm, check out their [website](#).

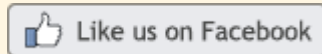
Environmental Outreach Coordinator

This position at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture involves coordinating with Minnesota Department of Agriculture staff statewide on Clean Water Fund activities and working with other project partners to develop and implement plans for communication, public outreach and civic engagement. For more information contact Margaret Wagner at margaret.wagner@state.mn.us or 651.201.6488.

Check out our [calendar](#) to stay up to date on Master Water Stewards events!

Questions? Contact Alex at avanloh@freshwater.org

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