



## Salt/Sand Shed Public Use Policy

### **Purpose**

It is the intent of this policy to provide a source of sand and salt (mixed) for residential use for emergency traction. The Selectboard recognizes that weather conditions occasionally result in extremely slippery conditions and that the availability of a small amount of sand/salt can greatly enhance the safety of the citizenry. This program will provide the availability of the public to obtain without charge a bucket of material.

### **Scope**

This program is available to residents of the Town of Castine only, and on a limited basis, said limitations stated below.

### **Authority**

The Castine Selectboard, being the duly elected and sworn municipal officers, implement this policy as a public safety expenditure pursuant to 30-A MRSA § 5722(1), general operation of the municipal government.

### **Policy & Limitations**

1. Residents of the Town of Castine may obtain no more than 5-gallons of salt/sand for personal use in a Container (not in a truck bed) at a frequency not to exceed once per week. Residents are to provide their own container and the means to load the container and transport it to the destination of use. Salt/sand is only available during the operating hours of the Transfer Station.
2. The Transfer Station Attendant employee is responsible for monitoring the salt/sand supply and abuses of the residents' privilege and shall report such abuses to the Town Manager. The report shall include the date and time of the abuse, the vehicle description of the offender and a brief written description of the alleged abuse.
3. Residents found abusing the limitations shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$100 per occurrence, payable to the Town of Castine. The Selectboard shall bill the accused offender, who may request a formal hearing before the Selectboard. If an abuse is found to be grossly offensive (i.e. a plowing company loading its sander hopper), the Selectmen reserve the right to charge the offender double the cost of the material and to file a theft complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency.
4. The Town of Castine assumes no responsibility for making sure the storage area has salt/sand stockpiled. The stockpile shall be covered so that runoff from precipitation does not pollute the groundwater below.
5. Use of the public salt/sand is at the users own risk. The town shall not be held liable for any damages or injuries incurred in the loading, transportation, or use of the material.

**Definitions**

1. **Resident** – A person domiciled in the Town of Castine. Proof of residency shall be provided upon request, and may consist of a vehicle registration, voter registration record, driver’s license, hunting license, deed to a property, lease, or utility bill identifying the physical address.
2. **Container** – A bucket or other suitable container not exceeding 5 gallons in size.
3. **Loading** – The act of transferring material from the available pile into a container
4. **Abuse** – The act of loading greater than 5-gallons per week of material and transporting it to another location.

**Adoption Date**

This policy is adopted on February 4, 2019.

Signed,  
**The Castine Selectboard**



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**Attest:**

  
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