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2009 Old Farmer's Almanac Forecast

The 2009 Old Farmers' Almanac predicts for the intermountain and high plains regions, the snowiest periods will be in late February, the forecast calls for an average temperature of 28° and precipitation of only 1", which is .5" less than average. March will be colder than normal by about 4° and the almanac predicts more snowfall than average for the intermountain and high plains regions, then turning into rain/snow mix in April. April and May will have above normal precipitation with a steady increase in temperatures thru June.



Denver Feels the Pressure of Midwest Salt Shortage



All over the Midwest and Northeast, snow removal companies and state departments of transportation are feeling the tight squeeze of a salt shortage that has left many public roads and sidewalks covered with ice and snow. Some salt distributors in Denver are struggling to receive anymore salt due to the increased usage in these markets. Some cities have started to devise new ways of making their salt last for the remainder of the 2009 snow season. Already, Mayor Daley of Chicago wants to join his purchasing power with other Midwest cities to purchase a more expensive, but less corrosive de-icer for roads and sidewalks. Some cities have combined non-toxic ash to salt mixes, while others have added non-sugared molasses to saltwater.

Getting Ready For Spring Time

It is still winter, but spring is just around the corner and it might be time to start thinking about what could be done now to be ready. Some turf might be noticeably damaged and in need of replacement or re-seeding. If it seems to be a re-occurring problem, it may be pertinent to remodel the affected areas by xeriscaping, to create a more visually inviting landscape, and reduce water usage, or maybe invest in a low water native landscape in these areas. It might be wise to start thinking about adding new trees or shrubs in strategic areas to create a cooling effect for areas with more direct sunlight. Possibly replacing some of the annual beds with low water perennial beds can add more color to high visibility areas and require less maintenance.

