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## NEUTRO-WASH

Stopping rust before it starts is the most cost effective method of extending the operational life of expensive winter maintenance equipment. Today, most maintenance employees regularly wash their equipment in an attempt to remove the salt, but a corrosive "white salt film" reappears after the equipment has dried. This "white salt film" is what fuels the rusting process. NEUTRO-WASH neutralizes the corrosive effects of sodium chloride allowing the salt residue to be washed away. District 2 is currently evaluating whether NEUTRO-WASH is effective and if it prolongs the life of their snow and ice equipment.

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## Upcoming Events

Fall Maintenance Expo  
October 6-7, 2010  
St. Cloud Public Works

Toward Zero Deaths  
Conference  
October 25-26, 2010  
Crown Plaza Riverfront Hotel  
St. Paul

NTREC  
October 27, 2010  
Arden Hills Training Center  
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Farideh Amiri by  
October 13, 2010

APWA Minnesota Chapter  
Fall Conference and Workshop  
November 17-19, 2010  
Brooklyn Center

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