Roadside Tree Ailment Study  
Set at New Hampshire Univ.

Scientists at the University of New Hampshire have embarked on a three-year program to study the decline of trees along busy highways.

At the school’s Agricultural Experiment Station in Durham, 400 young pines and maples have been planted to face the onslaught of different ice melters, including salt and commercial types in use on roads in winter. Plant pathologist Avery E. Rich will also spray the anti-ice materials on the pines in simulation of treatment trees receive from passing autos in winter months.

Rich has long studied the effects which salt and other materials exert on trees along roadways. Last year, he reported that salt, among other factors, is responsible for a weakening of some maples along roads.

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