De-icers have different uses

Akzo Nobel is America's largest supplier of salt products for highway safety. Marketed under the "Diamond Crystal" brand name, the product mix includes Halite, Calcium Chloride and JiffyMelt.

Halite de-ices walks and driveways, and helps to keep them ice-free well below freezing. Sodium chloride crystals will not chemically attack concrete or harm vegetation when used as recommended, Akzo Nobel notes.

Calcium Chloride is the most ecologically safe way to melt ice on walkways and driveways, according to Akzo Nobel. Runoff will not harm plants or the water table, and the product will not contribute to concrete spalling.

JiffyMelt is a specially formulated de-icing blend of calcium, potassium and sodium chlorides to minimize damage to vegetation and paved surfaces, without sacrificing the ice-melting capacity of rock salt.

For more information, phone (717) 587-9465 or

Snowplows, spreaders for commercial users

Fisher Engineering snowplows feature trip-edge blade design and three hydraulic options.

When a Fisher blade strikes an obstacle, the lower edge trips back, compressing the springs on the backside. When the obstacle is cleared, spring tension is released, returning the edge to its normal position. Because the blade remains upright when it hits an obstacle, plowed snow out in front of the blade stays put.

In addition to the traditional belt-driven, cable-operated hydraulic system, the Electric Clutch/Solenoid valve system is reliable, "on-demand" like an electric clutch and fast. (A third option, the Fisher Electric Hydraulic Pak, is also available.)

For more information, phone (207) 594-4446 or

Four plows meet every requirement

Western Products has four lines of snowplows to meet the requirements of every type of plowing need: Sport/Utility, Standard, Pro-Plow and the Heavyweights lines.

The newest addition, the Poly plows, feature improved snow rolling action.

Western also sells hopper-type, bed-mounted and tailgate spreaders. The newest tailgate model, the Pro-Flo2, can be filled to 1,200 lbs. It has a belt conveyor to assure positive feed of all materials, including wet sand.

For more information, phone (414) 354-2310 or

'No-clog' snowthrower, dozer blades do it all

Grasshopper offers a line of snowthrower attachments and dozer blades for its full line of zero-radius mowers.

The Grasshopper snowthrower attachment is available in 48- and 60-inch widths. Both sizes deliver "no-clog" performance, even in deep or heavy, wet snows, Grasshopper says.

A discharge spout rotates a full 180 degrees to deliver snow up to 20 feet. The attachment features heavy-gauge welded steel, a high-speed 12-inch diameter auger with heavy-duty 3/16-inch flighting and a built-in heavy-duty scraper blade. A cold-weather enclosure, with optional 16,000-BTU heater, is also available.

The 48- and 60-inch multi-purpose angle dozer blades can be used to move snow or dirt, sand and gravel. The 60-inch V-Snow plow is perfect for sidewalks, Grasshopper claims.

For more information, phone (316) 345-8621 or