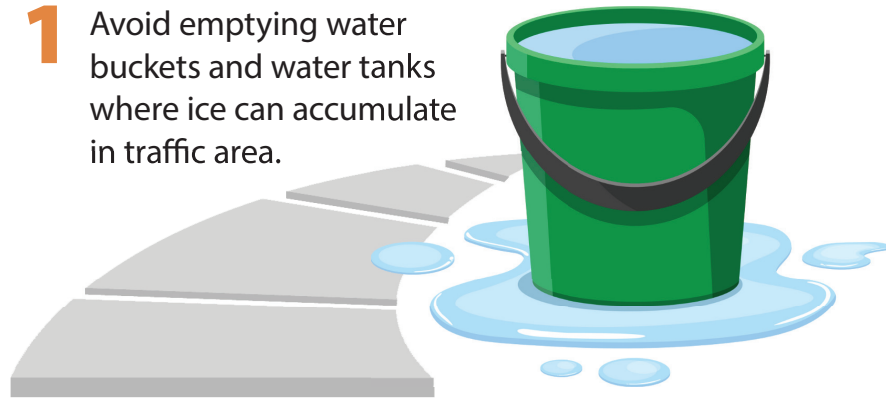


# Tips for keeping your horse safe on icy ground

How much ice you get each winter and how you deal with it depends on where you live. Regardless of how long the slippery stuff is around, keeping your horses safe is a key concern.

## Action steps to take when the ground is icy:

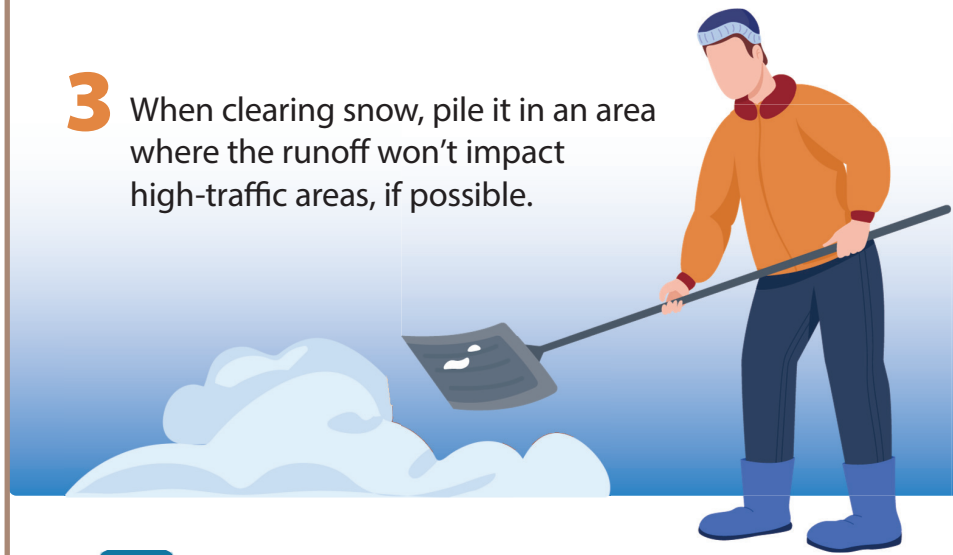
- 1 Avoid emptying water buckets and water tanks where ice can accumulate in traffic area.



- 2 Regularly remove snow from paths and gateways.



- 3 When clearing snow, pile it in an area where the runoff won't impact high-traffic areas, if possible.



- 4 Spread grit, clay kitty litter or sand, or a mixture of pet-safe ice melt and sand over high-traffic areas. Avoid putting dry shavings or straw on top of ice since they don't offer traction and may increase the risk of a slip and fall.



- 5 Remove snow and ice from your horse's hooves before he walks on icy areas to reduce the risk of slipping.



## Important note:

Horses love salt, so don't spread commercial ice melts or salt and sand mixtures where a horse is tempted to eat it.

- 6 In areas with long, icy winters, discuss different shoeing options with your farrier.



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