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The clock is ticking on the deadline for people to register for their basic STAR or School Tax Relief tax break and the Department of Taxation and Finance says that, so far, more than half the eligible homeowners in the state have done so.

This is for the basic STAR, not the senior exemption, which doesn't require registration. If people don't register by the end of the year, 12/31/13, the exemption could be lost, which can easily be worth hundreds of dollars or more, and will have to go through what officials have admitted is a tiresome appeals process to get it back.

Homeowners are reminded that one must register with NYS even though one initially may have applied for the Basic STAR with their local assessors.

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13/default.htm>



Congratulations to Nick Curnalia on winning first place in the Chili Cook-off held on October 24 with his "Too Chilly to be Chili"



Stop in and congratulate our aspiring Chili Master!



Revolving Frame Caulk Gun

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All steel welded construction. Sintered steel friction plate. Effective trigger grip for max trigger action on every stroke eliminates hand fatigue and prolongs life of gun. Zinc alloy handle. Thumb release for ease. **18:1 thrust ratio**. Includes spout cutter, seal puncture tool and ladder hook.

- SUPER SMOOTH ROD
- REVOLVING BARREL
- Brand:"X-TRA SUPER POWER"

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Mr. Heater



Portable Heaters in Propane or Kerosene in stock at Pickett Building Materials

Propane		Kerosene	
 #3749819 \$32.99	<u>Single Burner Tank Top Propane Heater</u> Attaches easily to a standard 20lb LP cylinder to provide instant infra-red heat. Includes adjustable heat control valve and built-in safety shut-off. 9 -13-15,000 BTU's.	 #1988229 \$199.99	<u>Forced Air Kerosene 50,000 BTU/HR</u> • Model # MH50KR • Heats approximately 1,200 sq. ft. • Runs up to 11 hours on full tank • 4 Gallon fuel tank • Overheat safety shutoff • CSA Certified
 #3388014 \$99.39	<u>Portable Propane Heater</u> Connects to two 1-lb or a 20-lb propane cylinders, with hose and fuel filter. Free standing or wall mountable. Four-position control valve. Wire guard protects against combustible materials. Tip over safety shutoff.	 #4967584 \$249.99	<u>Forced Air Kerosene 75,000 BTU/HR</u> • Model# MH75KTR • Thermostat • Heats approximately 1,750 sq. ft. • Runs up to 11 hours on full tank • 6 Gallon fuel tank • CSA Certified • Overhead safety shutoff
 #7605884 \$139.99	<u>Forced Air Propane</u> Features adjustable height control, flame safety, high temperature limit switch, and POL/Excess Flow Check Valve. Continuous ignition. 10' hose and regulator included. Ready to use. Operates up to 14 hours on a 20 lb. BBQ type propane tank 110V. CSA Certified. Weight is 16 lbs.	 #7274319 \$349.99	<u>Forced Air Kerosene 125,000 BTU/HR</u> • Model #MH125KTR • Thermostat • Heats approximately 3,000 sq. ft. • Runs up to 9.5 hours on full tank • 8.5 Gallon fuel tank • CSA Certified • Overheat safety shutoff


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Heavy Duty Broadcast Spreader
 100 lb. load bearing capacity chassis, commercial gearbox. Rate setting control high on handle for easy adjustment. Large pneumatic wheels. 80 lb. high volume hopper. Fully assembled.

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 100% organic. All natural, salt-free. Safe for paws and skin. Non-toxic. Safe on lawns, shrubs and vegetation. Magnesium chloride/potassium sulfate melts down to -15°F/-26°C.

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 8 Lb. Shaker Jug 20Lb. Bag
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IF YOU HELP OR ASSIST US	\$ 85.00
IF YOU WORKED ON IT BEFORE	\$105.00

Otsego Ready Mix Concrete Pumping & Placing



NOTICE

Otsego Ready Mix will be **closed**
for 2 – 3 weeks in February 2014

The City of Oneonta will be doing work in the area
and we will be unable to batch concrete during that time.

We apologize for the inconvenience.



Everyone at Johns Manville is committed to a core principle: materials matter. Our research, design and manufacturing teams consistently deliver high-performance products that demonstrate our focus on innovation.

JM pioneered the development of Formaldehyde-free™ fiber glass insulation over a decade ago and has never stopped looking for new ways to create healthier, more comfortable and energy-efficient indoor environments. The latest is the introduction of a bio-based binder into their Range-Glas® EQ and Spin-Glas® WH EQ insulation to further demonstrate their belief that, in every detail, materials matter

Johns Manville Formaldehyde-free™ fiber glass building insulation now contains a bio-based binder. (A binder is the "glue" that holds together glass fibers and helps products like batts and rolls retain their shape and performance.) Their new bio-based binder includes rapidly renewable plant-based materials while remaining compliant with the same industry specifications. Applicators believe the new product offers additional benefits, including:

- Improved handling
- Easier cutting
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jm-oem.com/appliance.



Why use ice melt?

Safety is the primary reason for the use of ice melting products. A “green” approach is to remove snow and ice with only a shovel or plow, but when the safety of pedestrian or vehicular traffic is threatened, it becomes necessary to use a chemical deicer.



What are my ice melt choices?

Urea or Salt. Urea is used in lawn fertilizers, but as an ice melt it is sold in much higher concentrations. Salt can be sodium chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, or calcium chloride. Different manufacturers often mix these salts in patented blends with added chemicals to lower the minimum temperature at which the product works effectively.

What product should I use?

The customer is the best person to make this decision based on their specific needs. Factors influencing the decision include temperature, cost, environmental friendliness, weather, and the surface to which it is being applied.

What is the least expensive ice melter?

Rock salt is the least expensive, although it has a higher minimum effective temperature of approximately 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Which products are safe?

All products on the market are generally safe when used as directed. Blends with less sodium are better for the environment, but will be more expensive. Exceeding the recommended usage and/or heavy traffic that moves the ice melt to areas not intended, can damage concrete, carpet, floors, and wood decks in addition to vegetation.

How do I protect concrete surfaces from ice melt damage?

Using an ice melter will increase the number of freeze/thaw cycles which increases the risk of concrete scaling. An ice melter with a lower minimum effective temperature will limit the number of freeze/thaw cycles. Promptly remove snow, ice and slush that develop after any ice melt application. It is not recommended to use an ice melt on concrete less than 1 year old. A quality sealer will also help prevent some damage to concrete.

Can I use ice melt on brick?

Ice melt products are not recommended for brick surfaces.

Can I use ice melt on my roof?

Ice melt is not the best option for roofs. Ice build up on roofs is caused by excessive heat loss. Correcting the heat loss or installing heating elements designed for this purpose to prevent the ice buildup is a better preventative measure.

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