

## LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: MORTON SALT

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Think back to your childhood kitchen. Recall if you can your family pantry. If you remember nothing else, the sight of that familiar round blue package with the little umbrella girl sprinkling salt in the rain may be the one thing that comes to mind.

Morton Salt is an American tradition, with roots that date back to 1848. Since then, based on consistent excellence and a constantly evolving product line that has passed the test of time, and then some, the company has established itself as the trusted authority on salt.

Morton introduced the country to the slogan, when it rains, it pours. It also introduced us to one of the most recognizable icons in the world – the Morton Umbrella Girl. She's occupied a space in our pantry before we were old enough to cook and she still brings life to our foods today. Though today she comes in many forms. From table to popcorn and pickling salts to the salt products that are exploding into average American kitchens: Kosher and sea salts - Morton is still pulled off grocery shelves more than all other brands.

However, if you thought the Morton story began and ended with a little girl and an umbrella, you would be wrong. Morton products aren't just for cooking. Since 1848, Morton has been America's leading producer of salt for water softening, ice control, agricultural and industrial uses as well as grocery. Whether you're a municipality, business or home user, Morton has ice control products to help keep your roads and sidewalks safe.



The Morton Salt Chicago Distribution Center is located in the Elston Planned Manufacturing District. It was constructed in 1928 and currently employs 13 production, 3 maintenance, and 5 salaried employees. At this location 130,000 tons of bulk rock salt is brought in annually by barge from Weeks Island up the Mississippi River to the Illinois and Chicago River System. Rock salt is primarily sold to municipal

and industrial accounts for use as water conditioning. “Approximately 20% of this bulk is packaged here at Elston for local retail distributors and snow removal customers. Two of our biggest clients in the Chicago area are Dominick’s and Jewel” said Operations Supervisor Sam Tang.

Sam continued to say, “Transportation of salt is a challenge that the company has experienced. Salt is so inexpensive and the transportation and distribution of the product increases the price of it. It can be a challenge to keep the cost of the product low. The location of our distribution center has a big advantage because it is located next to a barge waterway that allows us to transport the salt inexpensively. However, at the same time the location is difficult for truck access because of the narrowness between our two buildings which makes it hard for trucks to come in and out of our distribution center. In addition, the LEED Council could assist us by working with the City of Chicago to repave Blackhawk Road that is located by our distribution center.”



Regardless of its massive reach into various products and categories it is still traditional food salt products and the umbrella girl that the general public most recognize. Morton’s food salt products continue to be America’s choice.

As a lunch recommendation Sam said, “Stanley’s Grill is great! It is located at 1543 N Elston Avenue.”