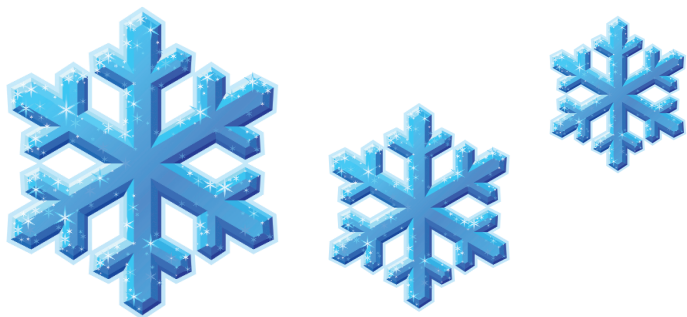


# Preparing for winter weather

## Information and advice in case of snow and ice

### Salt Bins

There are over 400 yellow salt bins at various locations around Milton Keynes which are filled by the council. They are installed for general public use only. The maintenance and filling of the bins is paid for out of the council's budget. We ask that there is a fair usage of the grit supplied in these bins and the grit should be put onto public roads, redways and footways and not private roads or driveways. If a grit bin becomes empty you can let the council know by filling in the online form at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking) or by calling 01908 252570. The authority will monitor conditions following extreme weather in areas not serviced by gritting routes or existing grit bins and if required we can deliver builders bags of grit to assist the public.



### Gritting and Snow Ploughing Routes

The council aims to keep priority roads and footways safe to use and clear of snow and ice over the winter. The network is categorised by priority, a map of the different priority roads can be viewed at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking). Priority roads include but are not limited to the strategic routes, grid roads, bus routes, main urban and rural link roads. The gritting team monitor daily weather reports and check our three new weather stations regularly to make informed decisions of what action is required. You can keep up to date with the gritting team's report on twitter @twit4gritMK

### Potholes

The Highways team have spent the last eight months repairing road defects including potholes so the road network is well placed going into winter. We fix around 20,000 road defects over the year and are investing an additional £50m to improve Milton Keynes' road, redways and footways. Inevitably cold and icy weather will create potholes which can be reported to us at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking) or call 01908 252570