

Saltash Town Council Advice to Residents on Cold Weather Precautions

This document is a summary of the Saltash Town Council cold weather plan. If you want more details of the plan and guidance on precautions to be taken during extreme cold weather or wish to offer any assistance please contact Saltash Town Council on 01752 844846 or Email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk

Provision of Grit Bins for Self Help

Saltash Town Council has provided Grit Bins at key locations and stocked them with salt and grit at the beginning of winter to allow motorists and communities to carry out 'self help'. In other words Saltash Town Council positions them but none of its staff undertake gritting from them.

Self Help Grit Bins are provided for the gritting of roads and public footways only. SALT AND GRIT MUST NOT BE USED ON PRIVATE PATHS AND DRIVES, IT IS FOR PUBLIC AREAS ONLY. Gritting on private land is the responsibility of the owner of that land. Saltash Town Council provided grit stocks should not be used for this purpose.

If salt and grit is removed for use on private drives, etc stocks will rapidly become depleted and little will be available for the greater good of the public at large.

If one of the grit bins is empty call Saltash Town Council on 01752 844846 or Email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk and give the location of the bin. It is not cost effective to refill bins individually during the winter but the Town Council will make arrangements for them to be refilled when several in an area are known to be empty.

The Snow Code

Follow the snow code when clearing snow and ice safely.

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Prevent slips

- If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful – don't make paths more dangerous by causing them to refreeze.
- Don't be put off because you're afraid someone will get injured.
- People walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves.

Clear snow or ice early in the day

- Move fresh snow rather than packed snow.
- Remove snow and ice in the morning. Sunshine during the day will help melt ice beneath.
- Cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing.

Use salt or sand - not water

- Water may refreeze to form black ice, increasing risk of injury.
- Prevent black ice by spreading salt on areas you have cleared.
- Use table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon per square metre.
- Pay attention to steps and steep paths - use more salt on these.
- Don't spread salt on plants or grass - it may cause damage.
- You can also use sand or ash. They aren't as effective as salt, but provide good grip.

Take care when moving snow

- Don't block paths or drains.
- Make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on; then shovel the snow from the centre to the sides.

Look after your neighbours

- Offer to clear around your neighbours' property. Check that elderly or disabled neighbours are alright. If worried about them, contact their relatives or your local council.