

Preparing for Winter

When winter weather is on the way, the Department of Infrastructure makes every effort to keep the Island on the move.


What we will try to do:

- Maintain safe driving conditions on the primary gritter routes – www.gov.im/gritting
- Roads that carry the heaviest traffic, bus routes and roads to hospitals, fire stations and schools will be given the highest priority
- Ensure salt (grit) is spread on the primary gritter routes before ice forms
- If frost/ice is forming overnight we will salt primary routes shown on the map overleaf before 8am
- Maintain our network of salt boxes around the Island
- Co-ordinate with local authorities for them to prioritise footpaths in retail and business areas - if they have the resources
- Keep the local media informed with regular updates
- As the resources become available, other routes will be treated to help the largest number of people first
- Operate Ellerslie Emergency Control Room during severe weather events to control and coordinate resources and manage telephone calls from the public

What you can do:

- Have a container of salt at your house ready to salt your paths and driveway. Salt is available for domestic use **free** of charge at Civic Amenity sites - you can help by obtaining yours in plenty of time
- If you are fit and able, try to clear the footpath outside your own property and put some salt down. Do you have a neighbour who may need help?
- Use the salt boxes in your local community to salt difficult corners and hills
- If you manage a business have a stock of salt ready to salt your car park, paths and areas outside your business to help keep your staff and customers safe
- Commercial users can buy salt from Ellerslie or Glen Duff depots for £10 per 100kg (approximate weight). Telephone 850000 - delivery by arrangement
- Salt bins can also be purchased by arrangement with Customer Services. Telephone 850000
- Check your vehicle has anti-freeze in the windscreen wash and you have a scraper to hand to clear your windscreen of frost and snow



Primary Gritter Route 

Useful information:

Weather Forecast 0900 6243 300 • Customer Services 850000

24 hrs emergency line 672000

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