

Everyone's hoping this winter isn't a bad one. But here's some information that could help if severe weather arrives.

Where to find information

For details on all winter maintenance carried out in Portsmouth, including gritting routes and salt/grit bin locations, please visit: www.colasportsmouth.co.uk



Be safe on the move

During snow, avoid travel if possible. If you must drive, slow down and allow extra room as it can take 10 times longer to stop on snow or ice. Keep these items in your car:

- shovel
- boots, warm clothes and blankets
- torch and battery radio
- drinks and long-life snacks
- first-aid kit
- mobile phone and in-car charger
- ice scraper and de-icer

Abandoned cars

A vehicle hampering snow-clearing may be moved from the area. When possible the owner will be contacted and asked to move the vehicle directly.

If you believe your car has been moved, call 023 9283 4092 (city helpdesk). Out of office hours call 023 9231 0900. If you do abandon your car, remove valuables and lock it.

Being a good neighbour

Householders and businesses can help their neighbours by clearing snow and ice from public areas near their properties. For top tips check the council website.

Also think about the elderly or vulnerable and spare a few minutes to check on them.



Closure or disruption of services

In very severe weather, headteachers may decide to close their schools. Council premises may be closed and services like rubbish collection might be disrupted.

We'll issue updates via the media and on

- www.portsmouth.gov.uk
- www.facebook.com/portsmouthcitycouncil
- [@portsmouthtoday](https://twitter.com/portsmouthtoday) on Twitter

Or you can contact the city helpdesk on **023 9283 4092** or email them at cityhelpdesk@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Public transport information

- **First Bus:**
0345 602 0121
www.firstgroup.com
- **Stagecoach:**
0345 121 0190
www.stagecoachbus.com/south
- **National rail enquiries:**
0345 748 4950
www.nationalrail.co.uk
- **Traveline:**
0871 200 22 33
www.travelinesw.com

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SNOW & ice on the roads



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Salting and clearing roads

Our priority has to be vital transport routes in and out of the city, major bus routes, and major routes to places like hospitals, schools and shopping centres.

Roads are divided into three levels of priority. Colours will salt priority 1 and 2 roads (see map). Priority 3 roads (all the rest) will not be salted. But in the event of heavy snowfall, once priority 1 and 2 roads have been cleared, we will endeavour to clear lower-priority roads.

Pavements

These are also salted on a priority basis. The priorities are near places like major shopping areas, hospitals, transport hubs and schools. Other pavements will not be salted. But in the event of heavy snowfall, once priority pavements have been cleared we will endeavour to clear lower-priority pavements.

You can clear snow and ice from pavements yourself. When clearing snow and ice do so carefully.

The following advice will help:

- **do it early in the day** – it's easier to move fresh, loose snow
- **don't use water** – it might refreeze and turn to black ice
- **use salt if possible** – it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight
- **use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt** – it will provide grip underfoot
- **pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways** – using more salt may help

There are 79 salt bins across Portsmouth. These are for public use but please use the salt considerably and remember it is not for use on private property.

Road salting

Priorities for treatment

