

RYE TOWN COUNCIL

CLEARING SNOW: GUIDANCE NOTES AND INFORMATION

If you are able to do so safely, please help your neighbours – or your customers – by clearing the snow/ice from the front of your property

IMPORTANT

It is essential that, when clearing snow/ice, you take care not to make the surface more dangerous by creating a greater slip hazard. If you follow these guidelines it is unlikely that you will be held legally responsible for any injuries. Please bear in mind that you are responsible for your own personal safety.

- Clear snow/ice as early in the day as possible - it is easier to remove fresh, loose snow than hard, compacted snow.
- Unless the snow is very shallow do not spread salt until you have cleared as much of it as possible. Spreading salt on snow without clearing the bulk of it is generally ineffective.
- A* & B roads – and bus routes – are cleared and gritted by the County Council – however, it does not grit pavements. When clearing pavements please be alert to the approach of vehicles as these may not be under the full control of the driver/rider and their sound may be muffled.

* Trunk roads are the responsibility of the Highways Agency

- On relatively short streets (with pavements either side) – or driveways - a safe pedestrian route can be created more quickly by clearing one side first.
- If you are clearing a large area, make a path down its middle first to create a safe surface from which to work.
- Do not spread anything other than rock salt, table salt, sand or grit. **On no account should snow be melted with water – it may freeze and turn to black ice.**
- To conserve supplies, the spreading of salt should be targeted – ie sprinkled over the area to be kept clear and not 'broadcast' or deposited in 'clumps'.
- Ensure that you are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions – in particular, your footwear needs to be able to provide you with sufficient grip.
- Avoid spreading salt on grass or plants (it is toxic) and be aware that salt is corrosive.
- Do not attempt to clear snow in severe weather conditions or if you are not physically capable of doing so safely.

ROCK SALT SUPPLIES *(supplied by Rye Town Council)*

Tilling Green Community Centre (RH side – adj kitchen) bulk bag
Kings Avenue (most easterly entrance – in front of tree) grit bin
St Mary's Church (behind Town Hall garden) grit bin
Fairmeadow (entrance – RH verge) grit bin
North Salts (turfed 'traffic island' – in front of tree) grit bin
Cadborough Cliff (most westerly entrance, LH verge) grit bin

Please note that salt supplied by the Town Council may be used on public roads and pavements only. Any other use – such as on driveways, garden paths, patios, privately-owned shop fronts or private car parks - constitutes theft and will be reported to the Police

OTHER ROCK SALT SUPPLIES (*supplier in italics*)

Cinque Ports Street car park one tonne bulk bag (*ESCC – but only after the first snowfall of the season*)

Gibbet Marsh car park (entrance) grit bin (*Rother DC*)

Railway Station building (RH side) grit bin (*? Southern Railways*)

New Winchelsea Rd (fronting no. 136) grit bin (*? Highways Agency*)

Tilling Green Stores (fronting) grit bin (*AmicusHorizon*)

Cooper Road (end) grit bin (*AmicusHorizon*)

Marley Road (adj pumping station) grit bin (*AmicusHorizon*)

ROCK SALT SUPPLIES FOR PRIVATE/PERSONAL USE

If you need to purchase rock salt for use on private property, you can usually obtain it from Channon's Country Store (Cattle Market) or Rye DIY (Cinque Ports Street). They may also have snow scoops/shovels in stock.

PROBLEMS (TOWN COUNCIL GRIT BINS ONLY)

To report locked, damaged or empty grit bins please ring Rye Town Council on 01797 223902 or email townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk.