

Dundee City Council’s aim is to help keep its roads and footways as safe as possible. During winter months we constantly monitor weather conditions and forecasts using modern Ice Prediction and Thermal Mapping Systems. Gritting and ploughing vehicles are on standby to act as required.

Route Information

Roads Winter Maintenance in Dundee applies to both trunk roads and council roads and footways.

Dundee City Council’s adopted carriageways and footways are categorised into **priority**, **secondary** and **cul de sac** routes and are covered for winter maintenance from late October to late March. In adverse conditions, priority carriageways and footways are treated seven days a week.

Trunk Roads are:-

- Kingsway
- Forfar Road north of Kingsway
- Greendykes Road
- Broughty Ferry Road (Greendykes Road to East Dock Street)
- East Dock Street and South Marketgait to Tay Road Bridge

Trunk Roads are the responsibility of the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland and are presently managed and maintained by BEAR (Scotland) Limited. This includes all winter maintenance operations.

Priority Routes are:-

- principal roads, other strategic routes, main service bus routes and other heavily used roads
- treated before secondary and cul de sac routes
- kept open in preference to secondary and cul de sac routes during prolonged snow conditions

Secondary and Cul de Sac Routes are:-

- All other adopted roads and are given a lesser winter maintenance coverage than priority routes. Only when these priority routes have been adequately dealt with, will resources be deployed on secondary routes and then cul de sac routes.
- (in frost conditions) only dealt with after priority routes have been satisfactorily cleared
- (In severe winter conditions) an additional supporting resource will be engaged to assist in clearing secondary and cul de sac routes.

Unadopted Roads

Unadopted roads will not be treated. Other areas of council responsibility, e.g. schools, parks, cemeteries, day care centres, etc will be tackled with additional council resources.

Footways

Footways are categorised as priority and secondary routes. The priority routes cover educational establishments, main retail locations and main thoroughfares throughout the city. In snow and ice conditions these are treated before moving on to secondary footway routes. It is not feasible to treat footways for short durations of frost.

Gritting

There are approximately 550km of adopted roads and 900km of adopted footways throughout Dundee. Approximately £1.5m is spent each year dealing with winter conditions on these roads and footways. It is not possible to clear all the roads and footways instantaneously, particularly in snow conditions when the gritters and ploughs have to treat the same sections of roads and footways more than once.



Self Help

Over 750 grit bins are provided at locations such as steep gradients, bends, steps and adjacent to sheltered housing.

Everyone can do their bit to help, particularly in snow conditions. Clearing footways around your own home and helping elderly or infirm neighbours will ensure that many footways will be safer and easier to use. If shovelling snow, think about where you are going to put it, so that it does not block people’s paths or simply shift the problem elsewhere. Make sure it will not cause problems when it melts. Piling snow over gullies or drains may stop melting snow from draining away and allow it to refreeze.

The grit bins will be replenished with grit/salt during the winter for use by the public on a self help basis but should not be used for treating private property. Empty grit bins should be reported to Customer Services (see contact information) or online at dundeeccity.gov.uk/winterweather

Road Condition Information

The police have the final say in deciding when to close a road to traffic. If you must make a journey in difficult conditions, please listen to local or national radio for details of road conditions, or contact Traffic Scotland (see contact information on the reverse of this leaflet).

Drive Safely this Winter

Dundee City Council’s City Development Department offers the following safety advice with regard to winter travel in bad conditions:

- always ensure your vehicle is prepared and fit for the journey
- if the journey is not absolutely necessary, then do not make it
- carry a blanket or extra clothing and a spade in case of being stuck or a breakdown occurring
- adjust your speed to the road condition
- allow extra stopping distance on slushy or icy roads
- don’t drive too close to the car in front
- allow extra time for your journey when the weather is bad
- if you get stuck don’t abandon your vehicle; stay with it until help comes to you. If you must leave it, try to make sure it is out of the path of gritters and snow ploughs

Remember

- road conditions vary with the weather and can change just as quickly
- it is not possible for the Council to keep all roads (even priority routes) free of ice and snow at all times, due to weather conditions
- even when roads have been gritted, it takes some time for the salt to become effective
- rain and sleet can wash salt off the road, leaving it prone to icing again
- in extremely cold weather, even salting and gritting will not prevent roads from icing up
- every driver should take account of prevailing weather and road conditions



CONTACT INFORMATION

In snow conditions:
 visit dundeeity.gov.uk/winterweather
 Tune-in to Local and National Radio
 and Follow us on Twitter @dundecouncil

Alternatively telephone enquiries to the council may be made using the following number:

FREEPHONE
0800 145 6897

email:
customerservices@dundeeity.gov.uk

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For information on trunk roads throughout Scotland telephone:

Traffic Scotland
0800 028 1414
 or visit website
trafficscotland.org



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