

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER!



ADVICE, INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/winterweather

www.twitter.com/edinburgh_cc

SEVERE WEATHER SERVICES

During severe winter weather, the Council will provide regular updates on which roads and pavements we will salt and when. We will also tell you about any school closures, disruption to traffic, help available to vulnerable people, where you can find salt bins and what you can do with your rubbish and recycling if normal services are affected.

You can get information from our website at any time and during severe weather, you can get the latest updates from our Twitter account or local radio.

We have listed the website, Twitter and telephone details that you may need in this leaflet. So keep it to hand throughout winter.

BE PREPARED

Tips on how to help yourself and your community.

Before winter:

- ✳ have your heating system checked
- ✳ stock up on salt from your local DIY shop
- ✳ get a good, strong snow shovel
- ✳ have some food stocks
- ✳ talk to family and friends about childcare
- ✳ review your travel plans
- ✳ get your car a winter health check.

During severe winter weather:

- ✳ check on neighbours
- ✳ keep up to date with roads, schools and travel information on our website, Twitter and on local radio
- ✳ stay warm
- ✳ avoid using your car unless really necessary
- ✳ help by clearing snow and ice in your area

- ✳ don't leave your car where it may block buses, gritters or emergency vehicles.

JOIN THE SNOW CLEARING EFFORT

The Council will do all it can to keep the city moving. However, our focus has to be on priority routes for buses and emergency vehicles and giving access to hospitals, health centres and schools.

In previous years, we have been encouraged by the number of residents who contact us to see how they can help. There is a lot you can do by clearing pavements in your area and checking on neighbours. Your local Neighbourhood Team may be able to help with equipment. Get their contact details on the back of this leaflet.

We are enlisting some volunteer snow wardens to be our eyes and ears in their community. They can tell us about specific problems and support residents with the local effort to clear snow and ice from pavements.

To find out if you could be a Volunteer Snow Warden call 0131 529 3687 or visit our website.



CLEARING SNOW AND ICE

Follow these hints and tips for the best and safest way to clear snow and ice:

- ❄️ Wear warm clothes and footwear with a good grip. Don't take risks on the road and wear visible clothing so you can be seen.
- ❄️ Try to clear snow or ice early. It's easier to move loose snow and the sun will help melt ice.
- ❄️ Clear a small path down the middle of the pavement for a safe surface to walk on then shovel from the centre to the kerbside. Don't block paths, driveways or drains.

- ❄️ Use salt or sand – not water, as it will freeze. Ordinary table salt can be used, but you can buy bags of rock salt from DIY shops. Use more salt on steps and steep pathways. Sand gives a good grip, but won't stop the path icing over.

There is no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice from pavements. Go to the Ready Winter pages on www.readyscotland.org for the Scottish Government's advice on clearing snow and ice and preparing for winter.



CONTACTS

Information and queries, including school closures

0131 200 2000 (during and out of normal working hours)

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/winterweather

www.twitter.com/edinburgh_cc

Local radio

Forth One 97.3 FM

Forth2 1548 AM

Concerned about someone's welfare

Social Care Direct

0131 200 2324

0800 731 6969 (out of hours)

Roads, pavements and traffic updates

clarence@edinburgh.gov.uk

0800 232323

Twitter @edintravel

Rubbish and recycling

0131 529 3030

Neighbourhood Teams – local information on Council services

East 0131 529 3111

City Centre and Leith 0131 529 7061

North 0131 529 5050

South 0131 529 5151

South West 0131 527 3800

West 0131 529 7440

Lothian Buses

0131 555 6363

www.lothianbuses.com

www.mybustracker.co.uk

NHS24

08454 242424



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