

Snow guide for Oxfordshire Communities

Winter 2011-2012



**Highway Enquiries
0845 310 11 11**

PARISH COUNCIL CHECKLIST

Have you...

- * Made an emergency plan?
- * Checked that a 4 x 4 with tractor tow to the nearest treated road has been identified for medical and other emergencies?
- * Compiled a list of people who might need a bit of extra help and support?
- * Talked to local farmers about helping out locally? OCC will work with local farmers in conjunction with the parish councils emergency plans to agree pre-defined routes to be treated.
- * Issued local advice about helping neighbours and stocking up on essential supplies, asking if people they have enough food for a fortnight?
- * Asked people if they have enough heating oil at the start of the winter
- * Advised your parishioners who have an absolute need to travel that they will need to make their own provisions for 4x4 or snow tyres (with chains if necessary)

**Please advise your parishioners to travel only
if it is absolutely necessary**

Driving Advice

Check

- * Local and national radio for travel information and weather forecasts allowing extra time for your journey if necessary.
- * That your wiper system is working effectively.
- * That your lights are clean and in working order.
- * That the washer-bottles are full and contain a suitable additive to prevent freezing.
- * That your battery is in a good condition, topped up and fully charged.
- * Your anti-freeze is at the correct level (your garage can do this for you).

Before driving off

- * Consider whether your journey is essential.
- * Make sure that all your windows and mirrors are completely clear of ice and condensation.
- * Carry a can of de-icer and a scraper in the car.
- * Cars left outside overnight will benefit from their windscreen being covered over.

You

- * Ensure you have "outside" clothing with you in case you have to get out of your vehicle.
- * Watch out for vulnerable road users—you share responsibility for their safety.

Yes, for snow clearance red diesel can be used

**Please see website below for more information:
<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/news/red-diesel.htm>**

No, you won't get sued

**Please see website below for more information:
http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/DG_191868**

HOW WILL THE COUNTY HELP?

As well as working with the police and NHS to ensure all key services are prepared and that priority routes are kept open, the county council will work with parish councils and local communities to ensure they are also well prepared and have the essential contact numbers they need.

Always call 0845 310 11 11

Roads

- * The council will plough and salt the priority road network. (Please see OCC website for further details) (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/salting)
- * The council duty officer will consider requests to keep non-priority routes to hospitals and schools salted

Schools

- * Schools should have established snow plans and have made arrangements to clear their sites. In deciding whether it is possible to open. The presumption will be that schools should remain open unless there are good reasons for them not to be

Protecting the needy and vulnerable

- * The council will prioritise services for those most in need

What the council can't do

- * Salt most pavements and car parks
- * Salt bus routes on non-priority roads (though we will try to work with the bus companies to minimise the impact on bus users)

SNOW DAY

Saturday 08 October 2011 & Saturday 22 October 2011
Deddington Drayton

Oxfordshire County Council

will be holding two "Snow Day's" before the winter period. There will be:

- * **Demonstrations on spreading salt**
- * **Information displays**
- * **Demonstration of snow clearing equipment**
- * **Opportunity for any questions you may have**
- * **Tea & Coffee available**

Invitations to these events will be sent out shortly

SALT BAGS AND GRIT BINS

Grit bins will be filled prior to winter. Delivery of the 1 tonne bags will be delivered in readiness for winter along with any extra bags that have been ordered. The bags are for the replenishing of grit bins. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to fill the grit bins. Should the Parish Council wish to source their own grit bins please see list of suppliers below:

Grit bin suppliers:

http://www.gritbins.co.uk/grit_bins.html?gclid=CL3_t6_hyaoCFcFP4Qod5yXFzw

<http://www.grit-bins.co.uk/>

<http://www.cupboardsdirect.co.uk/p/GRITBINS/Grit-Bins-Salt-Bins,-Grit-Bin-with-or-without-salt,-Roadside-Bins>

Salt suppliers:

<http://onlinerocksalt.onlineturf.co.uk/partners/onlinerocksalt/index.asp?step=3&ResellerCategory=1026>

<http://www.rocksaltshop.co.uk/>

<http://www.gritandsaltsupplies.co.uk/grit-salt/grits-and-rock-salts-c-14.html>

Also check local builders merchants and DIY stores.



For further information regarding winter maintenance please go to our website:

**www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/salting
which will go live at the start of the winter season**