

Flooding

If a significant amount of rainfall has occurred some roads may be closed due to flooding.



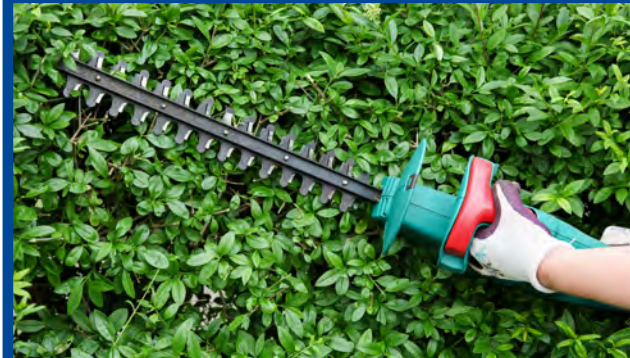
ROAD
CLOSED

The Highways team along with the Police check the area and decide if it should be closed for safety reasons.

If you see a Road Closed or Flooding sign do not ignore it.

Every year the Highways team and emergency services have to rescue drivers from stranded vehicles on flooded roads because they have ignored the safety signs.

If a road is closed due to flooding we will notify the local media as well as posting on all our social media channels so follow us on Twitter and Facebook to stay informed.



Landscaping

We maintain over 13million m² of grass, woodland, trees and bushes across Milton Keynes.

We also spray the kerbside annually with weed killer and mow over 10million m² of grass between March and October.

Any overhanging branches or overgrown bushes that are located on Council-owned land can be reported to us through our online form at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

Where can I find out more..?

For information on:

- Planning
- Development Plans
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- Broadband
- Housing

Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Winter Safety Guide



Information and advice on how to stay safe this winter in MK



Potholes

Potholes form when water gets into the road surface through cracks and this can then cause more damage and loosen bigger chunks of asphalt.

Regular inspections of the road network take place throughout the year. Any defects found are logged for repair.

The Council fixes as many potholes as possible however as the budget is limited we prioritise based on safety, size and the type of road.

More info at: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk



Gritting

During the winter months the Highways team make daily weather checks. If ice or snow is likely they can react quickly to keep the roads safe and open. Updates on Twitter [@mkhighways](https://twitter.com/mkhighways)

Rock salt is spread onto roads to prevent ice forming. The rock salt is effective until the road temperature goes below -5 °C.

We salt the Priority 1 roads first such as grid roads and access roads to the hospital and schools.

There are also over 400 grit bins located around the city for use by residents on public footpaths and roads.



Street lighting

There are over 56,000 street lights, bollards and beacons that the Council maintains across Milton Keynes.

Over the last few months we have been busy switching the lanterns (bulbs) to LED which are more energy efficient and will save on maintenance.

If you see a faulty light you can report it to our team through the website: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

Vehicle Checks

In winter it is important to make extra checks on your vehicle to keep you and your passengers safe as well as other road users.

Checklist:

- Antifreeze – check the level regularly
- All lights are working – replace any bulbs
- Keep fuel level topped up
- Battery – if its over 5 years old it is more likely to fail in cold weather
- Tyre tread – legal requirement is 1.6mm
- Replace any worn wipers

Remember!

Clear all snow and ice from your vehicle including the roof and lights before you set off **it's the law.**

For more safety information visit our Road Safety pages at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

