

Winter Services

Grit bins



Grit bins in MK

MK City Council has 406 yellow and grey (CMK) grit bins in local areas to help residents keep the roads, redways and footways safe to use during cold, icy weather.

In autumn, we check these grit bins to make sure they are in good condition and to fill up any that are low on rock salt (grit). To fill up all these bins in one visit we would need 190 tons of rock salt.

If any of these grit bins are damaged, we'll remove them for safety but due to budget pressures, there will be no replacement bin. However, in severe weather we may deliver additional salt bags to any location that we consider high risk for residents to use on the public highway.

There are some grit bins around MK that are owned and managed by the local parish council. These grit bins are green. If a green grit bin is damaged or empty, contact the local parish council. All the parish council details are on our website, www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

When to use the grit bin

If snow or icy conditions are forecast for MK, you can use the rock salt in the grit bin on public footways and roads.

Salt (grit) is not provided for use on private driveways or private pathways.

Be sparing with any application of salt.

If you are hand salting an area, 2 teaspoons is enough to cover 1 square metre of road or footway.

How to find your nearest grit bin

You can check where your nearest grit bin is on our My MK Mapping tool on the Council's website, www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

A link to this is also on the 'Salt Bins' section on the Winter Services section of the Highways pages. www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways

On the My MK Mapping tool, enter the street name and on the map, select 'Winter Maintenance'. Any MKCC grit bin will be shown with a G inside a yellow square.

For unadopted roads (not Council maintained) including new development areas, contact the landowner about providing grit bins in area. We do not grit unadopted roads or footways.

New or replacement grit bins

MK City Council will not install any new grit bins or replace any of the yellow bins (or grey) if they are removed or damaged. Parish councils, housing associations and private landowners can purchase their own grit bins to be placed on their own land.

Permission must be obtained from the Council's Highways team before any new grit bins may be installed on highway land. You can do this by contacting the Highways team for advice on grit bins. Email the Highways Liaison Team highways.liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call 01908 252353.

The latest fees and charges for this service can be viewed on the Council's website in the [Budget Book](#) section.

Please note, it can take between 6-8 weeks to process a grit bin order and during busy winter periods, tops up may take 48 hours, subject to availability.

To report a highways issue to us, please get in touch by:

Phone

01908 252353

Monday to Friday 9am to 5:15pm.

Email

customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Online

Use the Report It section on www.milton-keynes.gov.uk

Emergencies

If you consider the issue to be an emergency, please call 01908 252353 during office hours (Monday to Friday 9am -5:15pm) or out of hours (including Bank Holidays) call 01908 226699.

Any life threatening emergency should be reported to the Police immediately on 999.