



Winter Services

Grit bins



milton keynes council

Introduction

MK Council has 400 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 however 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 Highways and Transport Hub.

Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-hub

Choose from a list of roads where there are grit bins or view a map.

New or replacement grit bins

MK 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. Call Customer Services on 01908 252353 or email customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk to request information from us.

Apply for a new grit bin

Parish Councils only:

A new grit bin plus assessment by a highways engineer will cost £474. This includes a half ton of grit.

A top up of an existing grit bin is £100 including delivery* It can take up to 48 hours for a refill.

*Subject to availability.

Once you submit your application we will provide you with a quote for the grit bin or bins. On acceptance of the quote in writing with a Purchase Order number, and approval of the location from a highways officer, we will order your grit bin/s. Parish-owned grit bins will be green.

Please note that it can take between 6-8 weeks from receipt of the application form to process, order and install the grit bins. Any grit bins placed on the highway without permission will be removed.

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