



We use  
**19** gritters  
with ploughs

All our salt domes  
together can  
hold up to  
**15,000**  
tonnes  
– enough to cover  
a football pitch to  
head height!

It takes approximately

**3 hours**  
to grit our Priority 1 routes and

**5 1/2 hours**  
to grit our Priority 2 routes

We grit the  
equivalent of driving  
from Sheffield to  
Land's End and then  
on to John O'Groats  
in one Priority 1 and  
2 grit run combined

We have around  
**2,200**  
grit bins  
across Sheffield  
for public use



2023 / 2024



Yolly is ready for  
another winter  
- are you?

- \* Visit us at [sheffield.gov.uk/winter](https://sheffield.gov.uk/winter)
- \* Call us on **0114 273 4567**
- \* Follow us on Twitter for winter updates at [@sccstreetsahead](https://twitter.com/sccstreetsahead)

# Have a safe winter with Sheffield Streets Ahead



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Streets Ahead are on standby 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ready to deal with whatever the winter weather has in store. During snow or icy periods, we work around the clock to ensure the city can keep moving safely.

## Our gritting service

We grit over 60% of the city's highway network in a priority order called Priority 1 and Priority 2. Unfortunately, we can't grit every road in Sheffield. We can't grit residential pavements, or cycle lanes which do not form part of a Priority 1 or Priority 2 route, either.

We grit and clear snow from the city's busiest pavements and pedestrian areas, including around the two main hospital sites, the train station and the city centre retail areas.

When freezing temperatures are predicted, we begin to prepare our fleet of gritters. Depending on the forecast, we might need to grit all the routes or sometimes only routes in areas where the temperature may be lower.

We grit in priority order when roads are at their quietest to avoid peak traffic. However, during heavy snow we may need to grit throughout the day.

If the snow is heavy, we will use snow ploughs to clear the roads starting with Priority 1 routes.

## Priority 1 routes

- \* Main roads that link Sheffield to other major cities and the motorway
- \* Roads that provide access to emergency facilities such as hospitals and fire stations

## Priority 2 routes

- \* Bus routes, link roads, roads with access to key public services such as schools, GP surgeries and care homes
- \* Some rural routes to less populated areas

A map of our gritting routes can be found on our website.

## Grit bins

- \* We have around 2,200 grit bins across the city for the public to use
- \* We refill the grit bins before and during the winter season when needed
- \* You can request a grit bin to be refilled on our website or on Twitter

## Remember

- \* Although we work to make the roads safer, you are responsible for driving according to the weather conditions
- \* Never assume a road has been gritted and beware of black ice
- \* Abandoned or badly parked cars can prevent our gritters getting through. Please be mindful where you leave your vehicle

## Help your community

You can help keep your neighbourhood free of snow and ice by clearing it from pavements and driveways.

For more information about our winter service, including how grit works and how we decide when to grit, watch our winter service video at: [sheffield.gov.uk/winter](https://sheffield.gov.uk/winter)

