

The Service

Angus Council maintains over 1100 miles of roads and pavements. In a typical winter we spend over £2 million (over £3.8 million last winter) dealing with winter weather conditions in an effort to keep traffic moving safely.

With such an extensive network we cannot treat all roads and pavements at the same time or to the same extent so a network of routes is treated according to priority – treating the busiest routes first and sometimes more frequently.

Treating our roads

The council treats its roads and pavements with salt to lower the freezing point of water – this helps to prevent ice from forming and snow from accumulating. However if temperatures fall below -5°C, the salt is less effective and even treated routes can still be prone to icing.

Treatment is planned using both weather forecasts from the Met Office and detailed local information gathered from roadside weather stations across the Angus road network. When there is a risk of frost or ice on damp roads or when snow is forecast, precautionary treatment with salt is carried out on selected routes.

It is not possible to treat the entire road network at the same time and different roads and pavements have different priority in the treatment programme.

Prioritising routes

The council has prioritised its roads network into the following three categories – the difference in the categories relates to the timing and frequency of treatment.

Category 1 (Priority) routes

These routes carry most traffic so are treated before all other routes – included are bus and commuter routes and the roads that serve hospitals, ambulance and fire centres, schools and main industrial centres.

On these routes:

- treatment occurs before any other routes
- treatment starts earlier and finishes later than on other routes

Category 1 routes will be kept open, or will be opened up before other routes, during prolonged periods of snow such as happened last winter.






Category 2 (Auxiliary) routes

A number of routes, which although carrying less traffic than those in category 1, have been identified as being particularly prone to icing – they are generally glen or high level routes.

On these routes:

- treatment is done on weekdays before school buses use the routes
- treatment is carried out between 5am and 8am on weekends and public holidays on routes north of the A926/B957/A90 and on the C53 (B961 to B9128) and on the U338 The Brae, Auchterhouse.

KEY

A90 Trunk Road	
24hr cover 1 Oct-15 May	
A92 Dundee to Arbroath	
24hr cover 26 Sept-18 May	
Angus Roads Priority Routes	
20 Oct - 29 March	
0500 - 2300 Mon-Sat	
0500 - 2300 Sun & Public Holidays	
Angus Roads Auxiliary Routes	
20 Oct - 29 March	
0600 - 1600 Mon-Fri	
0500 - 0800 Sat-Sun – North of the A926/B957/A90 + C53 (B961 to B9128) + U338 The Brae, Auchterhouse	
Council Boundary	



Category 3 (non-priority) routes

These routes are:

- only treated after category 1 routes have been treated
- treated later than category 1 and 2 routes
- are only dealt with after category 1 and 2 routes have been cleared during prolonged snow conditions

Pavements

The treatment of pavements and footpaths is categorised in a similar way, with priority given to main thoroughfares in towns and larger villages. These routes vary between weekdays and weekends as patterns of use are different. It should be noted that this only applies to footways on the council's list of public roads.

Hours of cover

The hours of cover detailed in the following table show the period within which the treatment of routes may take place. **There is not continuous and complete cover during these times** as a limited number of vehicles cannot be everywhere at the same time and vehicles have to refill with salt and fuel.

The table shows the earliest start times and the latest finish times - treatment at specific locations will depend on vehicle journey times. The frequency or continuation of treatment during these times will be determined by the prevailing weather conditions.

By providing this programme of treatment over the winter months Angus Council is using the resources available to provide efficient and effective winter maintenance to prevent, as far as we consider reasonably possible, snow and ice endangering the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles over public roads.

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Hours of cover, 20 October 2011 – 29 March 2012

	Category 1 roads	Category 2 roads	Category 1 pavements & footpaths	Category 3 roads, pavements & footpaths
Monday - Friday	05.00 – 23.00	06.00 – 16.00	06.00 - 18.00	07.30 - 16.00
Saturday	05.00 – 23.00	05.00 - 08.00	06.00 – 18.00	Nil
Sunday	05.00 – 23.00	05.00 - 08.00	08.00 – 18.00**	Nil
Public Holidays*	05.00 – 23.00	05.00 - 08.00	Nil	Nil

*Public holidays: 26/27 December 2011 and 2/3 January 2012

** Except 25 December 2011 and 1 January 2012

No treatment is provided outwith the stated hours of cover.

Treatment of the A90 and A92

The A90 is a trunk road so is the responsibility of the Scottish Government and in Angus it is managed by BEAR Scotland Ltd on their behalf.

The same company looks after the A92 (a local road) between Dundee (Claypotts roundabout) and Arbroath (Elliot) on behalf of Angus Council and Dundee City Council.

Unadopted Roads

Roads and footways that are not on the council's list of public roads are not treated under this programme of winter maintenance.

During spells of severe winter weather the council deploys some staff to treat footpaths etc in other council owned areas such as housing pavements, cemeteries, and other areas in an effort to maintain reasonable access to these sites.

Self Help

You are asked to consider clearing the pavement outside your property where possible, as time and resources make it impossible for the council to clear every public road and pavement.

Please make sure that any wheelie bins do not obstruct the passage of the mini tractors used for salting/snow clearing on pavements.

There are around 600 grit bins provided across Angus at locations such as steep gradients, bends, steps, sheltered housing etc and you are asked to make use of these to treat your streets and pavements where possible. **This grit/salt mixture is not for personal use on driveways or paths – it is INTENDED for use on public areas.**

Grit bins are replenished throughout the winter (with grit/salt mix) as resources are available. If your grit bin needs to be topped up please call ACCESSLine on 08452 777 778.

Drive Safely This Winter

During times of severe winter weather:

- never assume that the road or pavement has been treated and is free from snow and ice
- always proceed with care and attention taking account of the prevailing conditions

- only make your journey if it is absolutely necessary
- ensure that your vehicle is prepared for the journey and carries adequate fuel
- dress suitably for the conditions and carry a blanket in case your vehicle becomes snowbound
- adjust speed to take account of road conditions
- allow extra braking/stopping distance on icy, slushy or snow covered roads
- don't drive too close to the vehicle in front
- allow extra time for your journey when the weather is bad

Remember

- road conditions vary with the weather and can change just as quickly
- **it is not possible to keep roads free of snow and ice at all times**
- even when roads have been treated with salt it takes some time for the salt to become effective
- rain and sleet can wash salt from the road leaving it prone to icing again
- in extremely cold weather salt will not prevent ice from forming

Road condition information

If you must make a journey in difficult conditions please listen to Radio Tay for road closure updates before setting out. The police have the final say in deciding when to close a road to traffic and will keep the media informed.

Radio Tay: 102.8 /96.4 MHz FM or 1161/1584 kHz AM

HOW TO CONTACT US

ACCESSLine 08452 777 778

Outwith office hours

Roads emergency callout 07850 703564

Street Lighting emergency callout 07702 167879

A90 Trunk Road

BEAR Scotland Ltd. (24 hour cover) 0800 587 1107 and 0800 028 1414

A92 Dundee Arbroath

BEAR Scotland Ltd. (24 hour cover) 0800 028 9843

www.angus.gov.uk/winterwatch – for news and information during spells of severe winter weather

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Information on Services and Priority Routes

