



Winter maintenance

Getting a new grit bin

Can we have a grit bin?

The County Council will provide new grit bins where the costs are met by residents' associations, businesses, or the local parish, town or district council and there is a suitable location for the new bin. If you would like a grit bin please contact your local parish, town or district council in the first instance to find out whether they would be willing to provide one.

If your parish, town or district council agrees to your request, they will contact us. We will then review the request and, if approved, agree a suitable location. The bins can be located on the highway, private or local Council owned land providing the owner gives permission.

When the bin is empty, how do we get it filled?

New grit bins will not be refilled automatically. The owner or responsible person must request for a bin to be refilled by contacting our Highways Contact Centre, and making an advance payment. We will then arrange to the new bin to be refilled when we refill our own grit bins. In periods of high demand grit may be reserved for use on priority roads.

Contact us

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 Twitter: @escroads
 Website: eastsussex.gov.uk

How much does a grit bin cost?

Grit bin	£145
Installation and fill	£130
Total	£275
Additional refills	£75

The use of grit

Grit is actually rock salt. It works by lowering the temperature that water freezes at. It relies on the action of vehicle tyres to spread it over the road. It can be too cold for the grit to work - below minus 5 °C the effectiveness is reduced and roads can still freeze. Rain or snow can wash the grit away leaving roads prone to re-icing, so gritting should take place after the rain but before the water freezes.

Spreading grit safely

- Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians nearby.
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily.
- Don't assume the road or pavement is safe just because it has been gritted.
- Look after the environment – use the minimum you can. A shovel full will be sufficient for 20-30sqm of road.