

West Somerset Council's Snow Policy for Car Parks

"The public are requested to use the Council-owned car parks in accordance with the notices and regulations in force. The Council will take all reasonable precautions to make the car parks as safe as possible given the prevailing conditions. However, all vehicles using the car park must be driven and parked with care. All vehicles and contents are left at the owner's risk. Please remember that car parks are mixed use, with both pedestrians and vehicles, so greater care should be exercised to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

Where possible, we currently use our staff to clear selected car parks if snow has lain for more than 24 hours. The Council's website will be up-dated daily to advise which car parks have been cleared or are closed for safety reasons."

Treatment Procedure

Frost and Ice

- The Council will not routinely treat its car parks at times of frost and ice particularly where frost/ice is expected to thaw within a reasonable time.
- During periods of prolonged frost and icy conditions, where conditions are not expected to improve naturally, a salt/grit mix will be applied to areas around ticket machines and main pedestrian access points.
- The vehicle running areas and parking bays will not be treated.
- Car parks will be treated in priority groups as set out below.
- It should never be assumed that a car park has been treated.
- The Council reserves the right to close a car park should it be considered too dangerous for the public to enter

Snow

- Car parks may not be cleared of snow if conditions are expected to improve naturally with 24 hours. Clearance will be prioritised and therefore not all car parks will be cleared at the same time.
- At times of heavy snow, where conditions are not expected to improve naturally within 24 hours, accumulations of snow will be cleared from car parks at the earliest opportunity, once snow stops falling.
- Areas that have been cleared will be treated with a salt/grit mix.
- Car parks will be treated in priority groups as set out below.
- Cleared snow will be stockpiled at appropriate positions within the car park.
- Icy areas may remain after snow has been cleared and it is important not to assume that car parks that have been cleared of snow and will not be icy.
- The Council reserves the right to close a car park should it be considered too dangerous for the public to enter

Sequence of Clearance/Treatment

Priority 1

Summerland, Minehead
North Rd, Minehead
Doverhay, Porlock
Steep, Dunster (main car park only)
Swain St, Watchet
Killick Way, Williton

Priority 2

Market St, Watchet
Central, Porlock
Alexandra Rd, Minehead
Warren Road Upper, Minehead

Priority 3

Anchor St, Watchet
Harbour Rd, Watchet
Park St, Dunster
Parson St, Porlock
West Pier, Watchet
Surestart, Minehead
Station, Minehead
Quay West CP, Minehead
Clanville CP, Minehead
Lion Stables, Dulverton (unlikely to be able to access in poor weather)
Exmoor Hse, Dulverton (unlikely to be able to access in poor weather)
Guildhall, Dulverton (unlikely to be able to access in poor weather)

Priority 4

Kilve Beach/Village
Blue Anchor
Crowcombe
White Horse, Stogumber
Norman Cottages, Wheddon Cross
Rest & Be Thankful, Wheddon Cross
Withypool
Seafront, Minehead (SCC responsibility)