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## **Council preparing for more bad weather**

**Gloucestershire County Council is taking precautions to conserve its stock as more bad weather is forecast for the next two weeks.**

Latest forecasts from the Met Office predict that the weather will not be improving until the end of the month.

It is forecast that a slight thaw will set in from this weekend, but latest forecasts show that the big freeze is here to stay in the long run.

With the national salt crisis getting worse, the council is keen to ensure Gloucestershire does not run dry.

To make our stocks last, from tomorrow we will be using a mix of salt and grit to treat the roads.

This will ensure that there is enough to continue gritting the current network of all A roads and some B roads while the bad weather continues.

We will continue to work with parish and town and district councils to help them treat pavements and public areas.

We will also be talking to Gloucester City and Cheltenham Borough Councils to ask them to contact community groups on our behalf to see if they can help.

The council is talking to the Government's salt cell daily, but they cannot guarantee when our next delivery will be.

With other councils in a worse position, Gloucestershire may not be a priority for receiving new salt so conserving what we have is essential to keep the roads as safe as possible.

Drivers should continue to take extreme care as conditions will remain hazardous.

Tips for driving safely are available on [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/winter](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/winter).

Cllr Stan Waddington, cabinet member for environment, said: "This is the worst winter that the UK has seen for 29 years and the latest forecasts show that it will continue for at least two more weeks.

"The situation with the salt cell means that we are reliant upon them for our salt deliveries and as they cannot guarantee that we will be getting any, we have to take precautions to ensure we don't run out.

"Using this mix will help our supplies last, but we will continue to push the salt cell for further deliveries as soon as possible.

"Obviously, driving conditions are dangerous and this message cannot be repeated too many times – take care on the roads, only make essential journeys, make sure you plan ahead before you set off and never assume a road has been gritted."

**Notes to Editors**

Primary Strategic Network being gritted:

**West Area**

<b>Published Primary Strategic Network</b>	
<b>West Area</b>	
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
A417	Gloucester to M50 to Ledbury C/Boundary
A48	A40 Highnam R/Bout to southern county border (Chepstow) including Highfield Hill & Lydney Town Centre
A4136	West county border (Monmouth) to A40 Huntley
A466	West Bborder (Monmouth) to Bigswier
B4228	A4136 Robinhood TL - Old Station Way Coleford - St. Briavels - A48
B4234	Bishopswood C/Boundary - Lydbrook - Cannop - Whitecroft - Lydney
A4151	A4136 Nailbridge - Cinderford - A48 Elton Corner
B4215	A40 to Newent including road O/S Firestation
B4221	Newent to M50
B4226	A4151 The Barn Cinderford to B4028 Poolway, Coleford
B4028	A4136 Edge End - Coleford Town Centre - High Nash Traffic Lights
B4231	Lydney - Bream - Trow Green (B4228)
3/35 & B4227	Valley Road (complete), Cinderford
<b>Central Area</b>	
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
A38	Gloucester to South Gloucestershire border
A38	Gloucester to Worcestershire border
A40	Cheltenham to M5
A438	Ashchurch, Tewkesbury to M5

A419	Stroud to M5
A419	Stroud to Cirencester
A46	Stroud to Cheltenham
A46	Stroud to South Gloucestershire border
A4019	A38 to Cheltenham
A4135	A46 via Dursley to A38
Various	Gloucester City/Cheltenham Borough (as existing published Key Routes)
A435	Cheltenham to A46
A4173	Pitchcombe to Gloucester
B4008	A38 Cross Keys Roundabout to M5
B4058	Wotton-Under-Edge towards M5
B4066	A38 to Sharpness
B4077	A46 to Toddington Roundabout
B4632	Cheltenham via Winchcombe to B4077 (Toddington Roundabout)

### East Area

Road No.	Description
A429	Wiltshire border to Warwickshire border
A40	Oxfordshire border to Cheltenham
A435	Cirencester to Cheltenham
A436	Air Balloon Roundabout to A40 (including A436 spur at Andoversford)
A436	A40 Andoversford to Bourton-on-the-Water
A433	South of Cirencester through Tetbury to A46 and Dunkirk
A4135/B4014	Wiltshire border through Tetbury to A46 Calcot Crossroads
A4135	A46 Calcot Crossroads to Dursley
A46	South Gloucestershire border to Nailsworth
A419	Cirencester to Aston Down

A417	Cirencester to Lechlade
A361	Lechlade to Oxfordshire border
A424	Oxfordshire boundary to A44 at Troopers Lodge
A44	Worcestershire border (Fish Hill) through Moreton in Marsh to Oxfordshire border
A436	Stow on the Wold to Oxfordshire border

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