The weather is forecast to be particularly bad. Priority one routes including:
- Major routes connecting or through towns:
- Serving hospitals, ambulances and fire stations:
- Leading to main centres of employment and on important commuter routes:
- Leading to important industrial and military establishments.

Priority two routes including:
- Providing single access to villages.
- Estate and other minor roads. (priority three routes are not shown on the plans)

Prevention and treatment of ice and snow covered roads
The plans overleaf show which roads will be gritted during winter conditions.

Footways
Busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways will be treated, in conditions of severe overnight frost, before 9am. Normal overnight frosty conditions will not warrant treatment of footways. After snow fall busy shopping streets and main pedestrian footways will be cleared before other footways. In ice and snow conditions remaining footways and cycleways will be treated in priority order subject to available resources. Cycleways which are not part of the road will not normally be treated.

Advice for safe winter driving
Always listen to weather forecasts in the winter and don’t make any unnecessary trips if the weather is forecast to be particularly bad.
- Make sure that you clear your windows properly of ice and snow before you start your journey.
- Add anti-freeze to the radiator and additive to the windscreen washer bottles.
- Check your tyre tread depth and pressure.
- Keep your lights clean and your battery fully charged.
- Use dipped headlights in hail, snow and rain.
- Drive slower to take into account the weather conditions.
- Give yourself more time to brake as brakes don’t work as well in icy conditions – it can take ten times longer to stop in icy conditions than on a dry road.
- Leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front.
- Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin.
- When braking on ice and snow get into a low gear earlier than normal, allow your speed to fall and press gently on the brake.
- If you do end up in a skid, ease off the accelerator but don’t brake suddenly.
- If visibility is reduced by fog use your fog lights – but remember to switch them off when visibility improves.
- Keep sunglasses in the car for the winter sun.
- Keep some warm clothes and a torch in the car.
- If the conditions are very bad – don’t drive.

Local weather information
The following radio stations provide regular updates:
- BBC Radio York 103.7 FM
- BBC Radio Tees 95.0 FM
- TFM Radio 96.6 FM
- STRAYFM 97.2 FM
- Fresh Radio 107.1 FM

Salt bins and heaps
We will only provide salt bins or salt heaps where the location has been assessed in accordance with the agreed procedure, which may be found on our website at www.northyorks.gov.uk.

Salt bins and heaps are replenished before 1 November each year in readiness for winter. If required a 2nd refill will be carried out mid-season. Note: In exceptional circumstances restrictions over the use of salt and resources may impact on our ability to replenish salt bins and heaps.

Community Partnership
The County Council is looking to engage with community groups so they can provide an additional snow clearing service of local footways. The Council will provide each group with training on how best to clear and treat the footways.

Which roads we grit
We are responsible for all publicly maintained roads in the County except the A1, A1(M), A66, A66(M), A64, A168 (Dishforth to Thirsk) and A19 (Thirsk to Crathorne). These national routes are the responsibility of the Highways Agency and they can be contacted on 0845 7 50 40 30.

More information
For more detailed information regarding our gritting operations on why we do what we do and how salt works, mapping and camera images around the County see our website www.northyorks.gov.uk

A guide to winter service in your area

Skipton, Settle, Ingleton, Bentham, Grassington, Crosshills and surrounding areas

North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD

Contact us in the following ways…
By telephone:
Our Customer Service Centre is open: Monday – Friday 8.00am – 5.30pm
Call: 0845 8727374
By email: customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk
Or you can access all North Yorkshire County Council information online at:
www.northyorks.gov.uk

Motorways and trunk roads are maintained by private contractors on behalf of the Highways Agency contact them on 0845 7 50 40 30 or e-mail ha.info@highways.gov.uk

If you would like this information in another language or format such as Braille, large print or audio, please ask us.

Tel: 01609 532917
Email: communications@northyorks.gov.uk

Business and Environmental Services
Salting priority one and two routes in the Skipton area

Priority one and two routes salted in town centres

Busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways post salted in severe overnight frost conditions before 9am

Key

Priority 1 routes
Priority 2 routes
Routes salted by the Highways Agency
Footways

Skipton
Settle
Ingleton
Bentham
Grassington
Crosshills

Skipton, Settle, Ingleton, Bentham, Grassington, Crosshills and surrounding areas