

EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL – GUIDE FOR USING GRIT BINS INCLUDING MANUAL HANDLING

When to use the grit bin - If snow or icy conditions are forecast for MK, you can use the rock salt in the grit bin on public footways and roads. Salt (grit) is not provided for use on private driveways or private pathways. Be sparing with any application of salt. If you are hand salting an area, 2 teaspoons are enough to cover 1 square metre of road or footway.

How to find your nearest grit bin - You can check where your nearest grit bin is on our My MK Mapping tool on the Council's website, www.milton-keynes.gov.uk. A link to this is also on the 'Salt Bins' section on the Winter Services section of the Highways pages. www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/highways. On the My MK Mapping tool, enter the street name and on the map, select 'Winter Maintenance'. Any MKCC grit bin will be shown with a G inside a yellow square. The grit bins for Emberton are in Petose End, The Forge, Gravel Walk, West Farm Way, and Stone Court. There is now an additional grit bin in Olney Road owned and maintained by the parish council.

Instructions – All grit bins are provided with a plastic spade, please replace this after use. Before undertaking gritting, please think “do I need help?”
Ensure you are wearing non-slip footwear.
Keep the load close to your waist, keeping the heaviest side of the load next to your body.
Adopt a stable position.
Bend your back, knees, and hips slightly at the start of the lift.
Avoid twisting your back or leaning sideways.
Don't lift more than you can safely handle.
Please report any damaged or empty grit bins to the clerk.

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