

Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council

Using Road Salt

DO NOT USE THE SALT PROVIDED ON PRIVATE DRIVES OR GARDEN PATHS— these are your own responsibility.

USING THE SALT

Spread the salt evenly on the road or footway. Only a very small amount of salt is needed, about 2 tablespoons-full or the amount that would sit on the palm of an outstretched hand, per square metre. A shovelful of salt is enough for 30-40 square metres if used properly.

The easiest way to spread salt is to put some on the end of a shovel and to flick it off with the fingers (wear gloves) at the appropriate rate.

PLEASE DO NOT

fling salt around directly from a shovel. This puts far too much salt on the ground which can cause a hazard in its own right and may kill grass and other plants when it washes onto them. It will also be very costly!

touch the salt with bare skin. Rock salt can be an irritant and can also carry Weil's Disease if rodents have been in contact with it. Wear waterproof gloves (eg Marigolds) and wash hands after use.

spread salt on snow. Sweep or shovel snow away first or the salt will take far too long to work.

BE SAFE

BE SEEN - if you have your car with you then park off the road if possible.

BE SEEN - wear hi-visibility clothing.

IF STANDING ON THE ROAD - ensure you are visible to traffic.

WEAR NON-SLIP FOOTWEAR

CARRY A MOBILE PHONE FOR EMERGENCIES

Will I be liable if I engage in self-help on the public highway and someone has an accident?

Providing that you act in a responsible way, for example by following this guidance, and you do not create alternative hazards by your actions then there is no need why you should fear liability. However, as with any area of life, if you act in a negligent way you could be liable. Many home insurance policies cover your legal liability to others as a private individual— check with your insurer.