



**Dorset councils
online newsletter**



Winter weather advice

Freezing temperatures, heavy wind, icy roads, snow and flooding - these are many of the challenges we face around winter time.

Your local councils strive to help residents and businesses wherever we can, but it's everyone's responsibility to be prepared and to take action during severe weather.

This newsletter aims to give you tips and advice on **flooding, gritting, keeping warm** and links to keep up-to-date with **school closures** and **issues on Dorset roads**.

We hope you find the newsletter useful and that it helps you, your family and your friends to stay safe and well this winter.

Protect your home from flooding



Remember, being prepared for flooding could save your life and your property.

Local authorities such as the [Environment Agency](#), Dorset County Council and the district and borough councils can help residents in emergency situations but it is the property owner's responsibility to protect themselves in the first instance.

Find out more [detailed flooding advice](#) about the area you live in.

The Environment Agency offers [advice on preparing for flooding](#) or you can sign up to their [Floodline newsletter service](#) for all the latest severe weather updates.

Stay warm over winter



Keeping warm, well and safe over the winter can help prevent unnecessary trips to the doctor and avoid hospital admissions for older and more vulnerable people.

Simple things that you can do to look after yourself in winter:

- Be prepared
- Get your home warm
- Get your repairs done
- Get the flu jab
- Get active
- Eat well

[More information](#)

Landslides and rockfalls



We live on the doorstep of one of the world's most picturesque coastlines.

The Jurassic Coast is a fantastic place to explore and enjoy, but there is always a risk of [landslides and rock falls](#) which can happen at any time.

The chances are increased after storms or heavy rain.

We encourage everyone to enjoy our wonderful coastline, but remind anyone visiting the area they should explore with common sense and caution.

Remember to pay attention to messages and signs around the coast.

Travel safely during winter



Ice, snow and flooding can all have a big impact on Dorset's roads.

Before you travel make sure you stay up-to-date with all the latest [travel and traffic information](#) for details on heavy traffic, road closures and roadworks.

Check which roads are [salted and gritted over winter](#).

Is your car prepared for winter? Check out our [top tips and advice](#).

Check the latest school closures



Parents can find out about the [latest school closures](#) during severe weather such as snow.

You can also listen to local radio stations for information about closed schools in your area or visit the school's website for further details.

Rubbish and recycling



[Check if your rubbish or recycling collections are affected by the weather or if your local household recycling centre is open.](#)
