

General Information and Guidance

Advice on hand salting

The photographs below illustrate some of the key features of effective hand salting.



WSCC recommends a spread rate of **approximately 20 grams of salt / grit per metres square** when hand salting. Although salt / grit can be spread effectively with shovels, care is required to ensure over salting does not occur. Push-along devices as shown above can be used to cover larger areas with an even spread. Large areas can thus be treated quicker with less wastage.



20 grams is in fact a very small amount. You don't need a lot of salt to protect a footway. Use it sparingly. Over salting is damaging to the environment and a waste of a limited resource.



The white board in the above photo is one metre square and has 20 grams of salt / grit spread across it. You will observe that you do not need a lot of salt to protect the footways. Spread it evenly and your salt will last longer and cover a greater area.