



DON'T WANT YOUR GARDEN BIN TO BE COLLECTED?

If you don't want to continue receiving fortnightly garden bin collections, there are other ways you can dispose of your garden waste.

Make your own compost at home

Composting is a low-cost, natural process that transforms kitchen and garden waste into a valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden.

It can help to improve your soil and reduce the chances of plant disease, and you'll also be doing your bit for the environment.

Your plants and flowers (both indoor and outdoor varieties!) will love you for doing it too.

With the right knowledge and tools, it's easy to make and easy to use.

If you're new to composting at home or just looking for some hints and tips, our local composting community has plenty of advice: cheshireeast.gov.uk/homecomposting

Household waste recycling centres

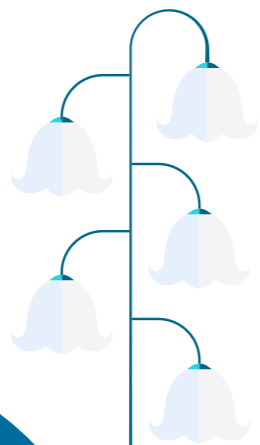
If home composting isn't an option, it remains free for you to dispose of your garden waste at our household waste recycling centres.

Remember: garden waste should never be placed in your black or silver bin.

What to do with your garden bin

If you don't subscribe, please keep your garden bin at your property as it's assigned to the property and not a person – we won't take your bin away.

If you change your mind about subscribing, you can sign up at any time.



WHY ARE WE INTRODUCING OUR GARDEN WASTE RECYCLING SCHEME?

We're facing significant financial pressures like many other local authorities. We must look at other ways of creating income – the alternative would be to cut essential frontline services.

More than 65% of local authorities already charge to collect garden waste and many have been doing so for several years. You'll only pay for the service if you opt-in.

Who can sign up?

Some properties are not suitable for us to collect from due to operational reasons. You can check if your property is eligible for the scheme during the subscription process.

If you currently use a larger communal bin to dispose of your garden waste (for example, you live in a flat) your housing provider or letting agent will need to arrange the garden waste subscription and the management of this.

Sharing your subscription

If you're eligible for a subscription and think one garden bin can meet the needs of you and your neighbour – or a group of neighbours – **then you can share a bin.**

The subscription fee applies per bin, so if you wish to share, then one of you will need to be the named subscriber and pay the fee. cheshireeast.gov.uk/gardenbin



GARDEN WASTE RECYCLING SCHEME

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YOUR GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE IS CHANGING

From January 2024 you'll need a subscription if you'd like us to continue collecting your garden bin. Sign up now to our Garden Waste Recycling Scheme – it's quick and easy. **See inside for full details.**

£56
PER BIN.
PER YEAR.

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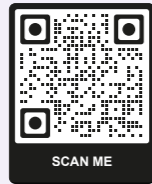


HOW TO SIGN UP

Sign up now so that you're ready to go once the new collection year starts in mid-January

STEP 1

The quickest and easiest way to subscribe is by visiting: cheshireeast.gov.uk/gardenbin or scan the QR code.



STEP 2

Click the 'subscribe' button.

SUBSCRIBE



STEP 4

Once your account is set up, you'll be able to see the details we hold for your address, including the number of bins you have. You'll be able to make changes if any of the details are incorrect.



STEP 5

Click the green subscribe button under the Garden Waste Service tab, and follow the prompts from there.



STEP 6

You'll be asked to pay for your subscription at the end. All payments are secure. **If you are not able to sign up online, contact us on 0300 123 5011**

STEP 3

You'll be taken to our subscription portal where you'll need to create a new account and register an address for the scheme (if your address is not eligible, you'll see a message on screen).



SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Signing up to the scheme **costs £56 per year, per bin.** For example, if you have two garden bins and would like us to collect both, you'll need a subscription for each bin.

If you live at the address and receive qualifying benefits, you will get a **25% reduction in the fee**, meaning you will pay **£42 per garden bin for the year.**

We'll write to you each year before your subscription ends asking if you'd like to renew. If you do renew, you'll be sent a new subscription sticker for that year.

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YOUR SUBSCRIPTION STICKER

Once you've subscribed, we'll send you a welcome pack

This will contain your subscription sticker and details of where you should attach this to your bin so that it can be easily seen by our collection crews.

Place the sticker on the back of your bin

Your sticker will have your address and unique reference number on it, which allows our waste teams to check that your bin is at the correct location.



YOUR COLLECTIONS



The scheme starts on **15 January 2024** and your usual collection day will remain the same. Collections are fortnightly.

As this is a seasonal service, there are **no collections between mid-December and mid-January** each year. This year, garden bin collections will finish on **18 December** and restart for subscribers on **15 January 2024**.

You can check your next collection day online at: cheshireeast.gov.uk/bins



WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR GARDEN WASTE

If you subscribe, we'll take your garden waste to our state-of-the-art facility in Crewe, where it will be turned into compost for use in agriculture and horticulture. Customers who subscribe may choose to continue to recycle their food waste by putting it in their garden bin.