

# NEWS RELEASE



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## **New customers can now sign up to garden waste service**

Green fingered residents across Wokingham Borough are now able to sign up for the council's garden waste collection for 2022-23. Anyone already using the council's garden waste collection service will get an email or letter asking them to renew their subscription for the new financial year.

More than 24,000 residents are already signed up for the service, which takes away garden clippings, grass cuttings, leaves and weeds fortnightly from the kerbside in a 240-litre brown wheeled bin. Making use of the service means residents can have 6,240 tonnes of green material collected from the kerbside each year – more than one large skip.

[New garden waste customers](#) are now able to sign up via the council's website, with the cost covering the period from April 2022 until March 2023.

### **For new subscribers**

The annual cost of the service is £70 between 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. If you opt in later in the year the cost will be reduced from

- £60 from 1 June to 30 September
- £35 from 1 October to 31 December

### **For renewals for existing subscribers**

For existing subscribers, the renewal period will start 1 June because the council extended the service this year for 2021-22 subscribers due to Covid-19 related disruptions to the garden waste collection services.

For those already using the service, we are reducing the term this year from 12 months to 10 months. the cost of the service is £60 for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 March 2023. To renew your subscription, residents will receive a letter or email from our waste team in April.

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“Our garden waste service continues to be popular across the borough with more than 24,000 residents now using it,” said John Halsall, leader of the council. “If you don’t already subscribe, it’s a great way to lower your carbon footprint.”

“The service turns your waste into compost, which can then be used to help grow new plants. Once the garden waste is collected all the materials are turned into Re3 Regrow Compost, which is sold at the borough’s recycling centres. It’s transformed at a composting facility in Oxfordshire, before being put into 40-litre bags and sold for £3.50 each, which covers the cost of producing it.”

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**Further information**

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