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## Sign up now for garden waste collections

A record number of green fingered West Oxfordshire residents are signing up for garden waste licences.

A total of 32,983 licences have been issued in the last year with almost 60 per cent of households in the District subscribing to the service.

Now residents are being urged to sign up or renew their subscription which runs from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 and costs £30 per bin a year for a fortnightly collection.

Residents signing up before 8 March will have their licence in time for when the new subscription year starts, and can be sure of not missing any collections from April.

Cllr Norman MacRae, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "It is fantastic to hear so many residents are taking responsibility for their waste and we will ensure it is turned into compost used on local farmland.

"It is also a positive development as we continue our commitment to combating climate change."

Signing up for garden waste collections is quick and easy and can be done using a credit or debit card, either by calling 01993 861025 or online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/garden](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/garden).

## ENDS

### Notes to editors

Householders choosing not to renew their subscription service can have their bin collected.

The annual charge runs from 1 April until 31 March each year. Anyone signing up part way through the year will be charged the full amount (£30) until the end of March.

After collection, the garden waste goes to a composting site near Chipping Norton. This large scale site enables faster composting as it reaches higher temperatures. It is first shredded then stacked in long piles, known as windrows, which are regularly turned to produce compost. The process is monitored and closely managed to quality standard. Compost is then used on agricultural land.

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