

Garden Waste Changes commencing the 1st of April 2016

The cost of the garden waste collection service is changing on the 1st of April 2016 for the first time since the 1st of April 2013.

Garden waste sack licences

The garden waste sack collections are beginning a phased withdrawal. No new garden waste licence/s will be issued unless the resident is renewing existing sack licence/s.

Existing active sack licence/s may still be renewed. Expired sack licence/s may not be renewed.

The cut off point for renewing a sack licence will be the end of the calendar month following the expiry date of the last sack licence.

Garden Waste Price Tables

Available to new and existing customers

Licence by type & number	Cost
1 Bin Licence annual	£68
2 Bin Licences annual	£130
3 Bin Licences annual	£185
4 Bin Licences annual	£240
1 x 240 litre Brown Wheeled Bin including delivery	£29

Available to existing customers only

Licence by type & number	Cost		Licence by type & Number	Cost
1 Sack Licence annual	£45		1 Bin & 1 Sack Licence	£113
2 Sack Licences annual	£80		1 Bin & 2 Sack Licences	£148
3 Sack Licences annual	£120		1 Bin and 3 Sack Licences	£188
4 Sack Licences annual	£155		2 Bins and 1 Sack Licence	£175
5 Sack Licences annual	£185		2 Bins and 2 Sack Licences	£210
6 Sack Licences annual	£210		2 Bins and 3 Sack Licences	£250

Replacement sacks are available to existing customers only and cost £5 including delivery.

Value for money

There are up to 25 collections per year for garden waste as fortnightly collections are suspended for two weeks during the Christmas season in order to assist with the additional refuse created by seasonal festivities.

At £45 for an annual sack licence the cost per collection is only £1:80 pence per collection which we believe represents excellent value for money.

At £68 for an annual wheeled bin licence the cost per collection is only £2:72 pence per collection which we also believe represents excellent value for money.

Why has the Price increase?

Every year the cost of running the garden waste collection service increases. However, the last time the price of the service was adjusted was the 1st of April 2013, three years ago.

As the service is elective and most residents do not participate in it the council would like the service to be self financing rather than being subsidised by council tax payers who do not enjoy the use of the garden waste collection service.

Why is the garden waste sack service not open to new customers?

Due issues of manual handling the sack collection service is being phased out after heeding advice from a recent health and safety audit.

However, in the interest of those residents who currently rely on the sack collection service it has been decided to continue with collection of those resident already committed to this service.

What can I do if I am not satisfied with paying for the collection of garden waste?

You can take your garden waste to your local household waste and recycling centre. Check Hampshire County Council web site for details here:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/waste-recycling/recyclingcentres.htm>

You can compost your garden waste.

Check Hampshire County Council web site for details here:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/waste-recycling/smartliving/inthegarden/compostbins.htm>

You can speak or write to your elected representative about the priorities for spending of council tax.

Look here to find your district councillor.

<http://easthants.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx>

Price Transition period.

Those customers renewing their licence/s which expire on the 31/03/2016 will be able to renew at the original price (as they would have done had they renewed before 1st April 2016) during a grace period which will last until 31/04/2016 as these will be viewed as a grace period renewals.

Any other new licences or renewed licences after the 1st of April 2016 will be purchased according to the new price system.