

REMINDER: Changes to your Council garden waste collection service from 1 July



New opt-in garden waste paid subscription service – sign up now!

See inside for details.



St Albans
City & District Council

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From 1 July 2021 the Council's garden waste service will be by annual paid subscription only.

This applies to all residents who live in a house or flat where the Council collects garden waste.

I want to subscribe and continue to have my garden waste collected

How much does it cost?

From July 2021 your annual garden waste collection service subscription will cost:

- £45 per bin per year
- £35 per bin per year (if you are in receipt of Council Tax Reduction benefit)

You can choose to sign up for up to three extra bins at £50 per bin per year.

In conservation areas or where the property is not suitable for a bin, the subscription will be for a pair of bags instead of a bin.

When does the subscription run from?

The subscription year will run from 1 July to 30 June.

How do I subscribe?

Sign up and pay through your [MyStAlbans District Account](https://www.stalbans.gov.uk) (via www.stalbans.gov.uk).

MyStAlbans
District Account

If you have not already done so, sign up for your MyStAlbans District Account at www.stalbans.gov.uk/do-it-online. If you are unable to sign up online you can call our dedicated garden waste subscription helpline on **01727 819322**.

You can pay by direct debit or by debit or credit card.

Some residents may choose to share a green bin subscription with a neighbour.



I don't want to subscribe

What can I do with my garden waste?

Please make alternative arrangements for recycling your garden waste. There are lots of ways you can do this:

- Compost it in a home composting bin and turn it into a valuable and nutrient rich food for your garden. Subsidised home composters are available through Waste Aware Hertfordshire (<https://bit.ly/3ep7biw>).
- Take it to your local household waste recycling centre (www.stalbans.gov.uk/local-recycling). Save it up so you don't make unnecessary car journeys, or share trips with your neighbours.



What can I do with my bin?

Please keep hold of your unwanted bin(s) (or bags) for the time being. If you would like us to take them away, we will be arranging to collect in any unwanted bins or bags from January 2022. This is to allow time for the service to settle in and to save the cost and emissions of lots of journeys. In the meantime, bins can be used for storage in your garden.

Placing your garden waste in any of the other bins, containers or bags provided is not permitted. As always, fly-tippers will be prosecuted.



About the garden waste subscription service

Further information, including details about why this service is changing, can be found at www.stalbans.gov.uk/garden-waste-subscription-service. (See also the letter delivered with your Council Tax bill in March 2021.)

What can I put in my garden waste bin (or bags)?

Yes please

- ✓ Grass cuttings, leaves and weeds
- ✓ Tree, shrub and rose prunings
- ✓ Small branches
- ✓ Cut flowers



No thanks

- ✗ Soil, stones and turf
- ✗ Hardcore
- ✗ Treated timber
- ✗ Paper and card
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Plastic flower pots and trays

