**NEWS RELEASE**

**Council garden waste service now open for orders**

Residents are reminded Blaby District Council’s garden waste collection service is now open for subscriptions for 2024/25.

Garden waste is collected on the same day as recycling, every two weeks from March to December.

Current subscriptions end on 31 March 2023 so anyone wanting to continue with the service or subscribe as a new customer is urged to take action.

If you don’t want to pay by Direct Debit and want to be eligible for all collections residents are advised to subscribe by 16 March.

Anyone who wishes to subscribe for the first time and pay by Direct Debit should sign up by 15 February. Existing Direct Debit customers need not do anything if they want the service to continue – payment will be taken automatically on Friday 1 March.

Signing up by 16 March allows time for the new pink garden waste sticker to be delivered ready to be put on the garden waste bin.

Only bins with the valid sticker will be collected. Customers are advised to place it in a prominent position on the bin so it can be easily seen.

There are two bin sizes available. Online prices for 2024/25 are:

* 140-litre small bin - £30
* 240-litre large bin - £44

Subscribers can pay online by debit or credit card or via Direct Debit – remember if you want to pay by Direct Debit sign up by 15 February. If you want to pay by debit or credit card sign up by 16 March. This will ensure you get ALL the collections for 2024/25. If you wish to pay by phone there’s a £2.50 charge.

For more information visit: [Garden Waste Collections (blaby.gov.uk)](https://www.blaby.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/garden-waste/garden-waste-collections/)

Collection dates can be found here: [Blaby District Council | Recycling and refuse - collection dates](https://my.blaby.gov.uk/collections)

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Best regards

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