

Garden recycling collections



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 **recycle**
for Ashford

Thank you for registering for Ashford's fortnightly garden recycling service!

You now have your new brown bin and can start to recycle your garden waste. We no longer collect black bags of garden clippings.

The cost

The cost is based on an annual fee per container, (please visit the website for details). The cost is in line with the lowest charges of other authorities in the county. There are no refunds for cancelling the service before the renewal date.

Please note, garden recycling services are suspended over the two week festive period. This is accounted for in the costs.

Can I have more than one bin or share one bin with neighbours?

Yes, you can pay to have more than one bin or you can arrange privately to share the bin – and the cost – with a neighbour. If you have excess garden recycling, you can either compost trimmings at home with help from www.getcomposting.com or take them to the KCC Household Recycling Centre on the Cobbs Wood Industrial Estate.

Please do not overload your bin and make sure the lid closes fully or it cannot be emptied.

What if my new container is stolen?

We can replace a stolen bin free of charge. Report any missing bins on 01233 331111. Our contractors have an in-vehicle database of all households that have paid for the garden recycling service, and we will not collect garden recycling from any property that has not registered for the service.

I'm elderly or disabled, can I get help putting my garden recycling out for collection?

Yes, Ashford Borough Council offers assisted collections for all its recycling or refuse collections. Please call **01233 331111** or visit www.ashford.gov.uk/waste for more information.

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Garden recycling – FORTNIGHTLY

Yes please!

- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Hedge trimmings
- ✓ Prunings and small branches
- ✓ Weeds and leaves
- ✓ Dead plants

No thanks!

- ✗ Building rubble
- ✗ Household or food waste
- ✗ Paints and liquids
- ✗ Logs and tree stumps
- ✗ Plant pots and polystyrene
- ✗ Turf or soil

Do I need a liner?

No, **PLEASE DO NOT LINE YOUR BROWN BIN**, simply place your garden waste loose inside. Overloaded and heavy bins are extremely hazardous to the operatives emptying them, so make sure the lid closes fully and try to spread out heavy loads over a few collections.



What happens to it...

All garden recycling is composted down to be used as an agricultural soil improver.

Home composting

If you have your own garden, and love taking care of it, have you considered home composting?

Home composting is a great option for getting rid of garden waste AND some food waste, as it simply reduces waste and will give you good quality compost to keep your garden looking beautiful.

You can make your own compost bins, or Ashford residents can also access special discounted home composters with www.getcomposting.com.





We're getting better

Let's make sure it stays that way!

Together we are doing a fantastic job at recycling, but now we need to focus on the quality of materials we're placing in our green bin which will help maintain the excellent recycling progress we have made so far. To help you remember which items can and can't be recycled, here are a few top tips:

Green recycling bin reminder



plastic bags

put them
in your

GREY

refuse bin



textiles

place in a
tied carrier
bag **on top**
of your green
recycling bin



paper, glass,
metal tins/
cans, plastics

put them
in your

GREEN

recycling bin



food waste

put in your
food caddy

Remember!

REMEMBER!

- ★ **Do not** use plastic bags or black sacks in your green or brown bins
- ★ Your bin lids must close completely on collection day
- ★ Maximise space in your green bin by flattening cardboard boxes and plastic bottles

- ★ **We cannot collect** any side refuse placed next to your grey bin
- ★ **We can collect** extra recycling that doesn't fit into your green bin; place it in a clear sack or cardboard box next to your bin
- ★ Please put your bins away after collection



For more information visit: www.ashford.gov.uk/waste