



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Renew your garden waste bin collection now**

For many Maidstone residents it's now time to renew their annual garden waste bin subscription.

The garden waste scheme operates on a two weekly system for the collection of grass cuttings, flowers, plants, hedge trimmings and pruning, leaves and small branches.

A new online payment system is now fully operational and anyone whose account becomes due, will receive a letter explaining the new process and a link to the online payment form.

For anyone thinking about joining the scheme, it costs £40 a year to have your garden waste collected and when you sign up for the service a brown wheelie bin is delivered to your home. Make sure you have enough space for the 240 litre bin.

Graham Gosden, Waste Manager at Maidstone Borough Council said: "We are working extremely hard to make sure all of our waste collections are running during the pandemic. The garden waste is no exception, with the weather being so warm and the need for people to stay home, the garden waste service is proving to be even more popular than usual"

"We have introduced a new online payment method for the garden waste service which makes it much simpler to use. The new system automatically updates our contractors collection rounds and has reduced paper invoices, making it more efficient to administer the service."

For more information on applying for a garden waste bin please visit:

[https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/additional-areas/what-can-i-put-in-my-bin#garden\\_bin](https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/additional-areas/what-can-i-put-in-my-bin#garden_bin)

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