



**Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Information Disclosure notice**

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## **Request: Garden Waste**

Regarding your kerbside garden waste collection service:-

What size of garden waste bin do you provide?

How much do you charge for the service?

When did you begin charging?

Was the collection of garden waste at the kerbside previously offered free of charge?

If yes, what was the number of households participating in the scheme in the last year of the free service?

What was the number of households taking up the paid service in the first year?

What is the number of households taking up the paid service today?

What was the tonnage of garden waste you collected in the last year before charges were introduced?

What was the tonnage of garden waste you collected in the first year of the paid service?

What was the tonnage of garden waste collected in the most recent year you can report on?

If the tonnage of garden waste collected at the kerbside has reduced since charges were introduced, what % of the 'missing' garden waste do you estimate has gone to a) Household Waste and Recycling Centres, b) Home Composting c) Bonfires d) flytipping e) Residual Waste bin

Do you allow residents not participating in the garden waste scheme to put garden waste into their residual waste bin, if they have room?

What impact did your move to a chargeable collection of garden waste have on your refuse rounds/staff (ie were you able to make savings?)

Do you offer a separate free weekly collection of food waste?

Is this food waste collection offered to all households in your district or only the urban ones?

Are you considering moving to three-weekly collections for any of your waste streams? If so, which waste streams are you looking to collect on a three weekly cycle?

## **Response:**

East Northamptonshire Council holds the following information in relation to your request:

What size of garden waste bin do you provide? **240 litre**

How much do you charge for the service? **£51.50**

When did you begin charging? **March 2012**

Was the collection of garden waste at the kerbside previously offered free of charge? **No**

If yes, what was the number of households participating in the scheme in the last year of the free service? **N/A**

What was the number of households taking up the paid service in the first year? **1500**

What is the number of households taking up the paid service today? **4000**

What was the tonnage of garden waste you collected in the last year before charges were introduced? **1200 t**

What was the tonnage of garden waste you collected in the first year of the paid service? **450 t**

What was the tonnage of garden waste collected in the most recent year you can report on? **1300 t (up to Dec 2014)**

If the tonnage of garden waste collected at the kerbside has reduced since charges were introduced, what % of the 'missing' garden waste do you estimate has gone to a) Household Waste and Recycling Centres, b) Home Composting c) Bonfires d) flytipping e) Residual Waste bin **Data from Disposal authority does not appear to have seen any increases in garden waste @ HWRCs. The council has a ban on green waste in residual bins and composition analysis in 2011 of residual waste had green waste @ just over 7% of the sample.**

Do you allow residents not participating in the garden waste scheme to put garden waste into their residual waste bin, if they have room? **No**

What impact did your move to a chargeable collection of garden waste have on your refuse rounds/staff (ie were you able to make savings?) **Not applicable, this service has always been separate from the main collection service.**

Do you offer a separate free weekly collection of food waste? **yes**

Is this food waste collection offered to all households in your district or only the urban ones? **All households**

Are you considering moving to three-weekly collections for any of your waste streams? If so, which waste streams are you looking to collect on a three weekly cycle? **No**