

Garden waste



There are a number of ways of reusing your organic waste such as vegetable peelings or garden waste. See the tips below.

You can

- ✓ Compost it yourself.
- ✓ Use the garden waste collection service
- ✓ Take it to the Community Recycling Centre at Charlton Lane

Compost

If you have a garden, or access to a garden, then composting is the ideal way to manage your organic waste. At least 30% of your household bin could be composted.



To obtain your bargain compost bin, visit www.recyclenow.com/compost or call 0845 077 0757

Garden waste service

This service is offered to all Spelthorne residents.

To use the service, garden waste must be contained in bio-degradable sacks which can be obtained from day centres, libraries and the Council Offices at a cost of 40p each. You can also buy them on the Council's website using a credit card - visit

www.spelthorne.gov.uk/gardenwaste

The garden waste service is weekly and will be collected on the same day as your rubbish or recycling. The sacks should not be over-filled or weigh more than 10 kilos - the weight of an average packed suitcase. Please do not tie your sack up, leave it open.

What can and can't go in the bio-degradable sacks:

- ✓ grass cuttings
- ✓ plants
- ✓ weeds
- ✓ cut flowers
- ✓ hedge cuttings
- ✓ leaves
- ✓ twigs

- ✗ kitchen waste
- ✗ tea bags or coffee grounds
- ✗ stones and rubble
- ✗ animal bedding
- ✗ tree branches over 10cm
- ✗ plastic or cardboard packaging
- ✗ any other rubbish



Please note that between 1 April and 30 September, the garden waste service is weekly and will be picked up on the same day as your rubbish or recycling. Between 1 October and 31 March, contact us to request a collection.

Community Recycling Centre, Charlton Lane

You can also take your garden waste to the composting section at the Community Recycling Centre at Charlton Lane.

If you would like more information, please go to the Council's website -

www.spelthorne.gov.uk or call the customer helpline on 01784 451499.

This is one of a number of fact sheets to give you more information about rubbish and recycling.

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