

# **FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Fourth year in a row: price freeze for garden waste service with £36 early bird discount**

The subscription fee for Fenland District Council's garden waste collection service has been frozen for another year after a successful third year of the service.

With over 21,200 subscriptions this year, the service has continued to be self-funding and allows the Council to be able to freeze the price again for 2020/21.

The £40 annual subscription fee, first introduced in 2017/18, will stay the same for the fourth year running – ensuring it remains amongst the lowest priced authority garden waste services in the East.

All new and existing customers paying for the fortnightly service by annual direct debit will benefit from a continued discounted direct debit cost of £36.

Existing annual direct debit customers will have their subscriptions automatically renewed in February at £36, ready for the garden waste service to start in April 2020.

New customers and existing customers who pay cash who want to sign up by direct debit and receive the £4 discount can do so online from December 2019. Customers wanting to pay for subscriptions online by card, at a cost of £40 per subscription, can do so from January 2020.

Councillor Peter Murphy, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for the Environment, said: "I am delighted that we have been able to keep the subscription price the same for the fourth year running as it enables us to keep the service as affordable as we can for our residents. I would like to thank the households who have made this possible by signing up to our service in order to recycle their garden waste."

For more information on our current garden waste service, please visit [www.fenland.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/gardenwaste). Information about the 2020/21 service will be available to view from December 2019. You can also get information from our Customer Service Centres and Community Hubs.

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