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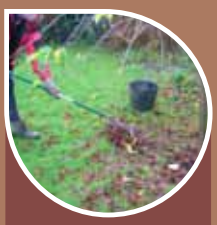
## Your brown bin calendar 2012/13

# Garden Waste Recycling Journey



You can recycle most types of garden waste.

Please put your garden waste in your brown bin, or take it to your local Community Recycling Centre.

Your garden waste is collected and taken to the West Lothian recycling facility where it is chipped and laid out in windrows.

After the natural composting process, your garden waste turns into compost which is suitable for use as a soil improver.

For more information about any of West Lothian's recycling services please contact us.
Phone: **01506 775000** E-mail: **customer.service@westlothian.gov.uk** web: **www.westlothian.gov.uk**

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Information is available in Braille, tape, large print and community languages.
Contact: **01506 775000 for more information.**

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**Recycling garden waste** saves natural materials, meaning less pollution and waste sent to landfill.

## YES please

**Flowers and plants • garden weeds • grass and hedge cuttings • small branches and twigs • leaves and real Christmas trees**

(Please make sure that all material is in pieces small enough to fit in your brown bin).

## NO thanks

**Kitchen or food waste • plastic bags or liners • glass • soil • turf • rubble • animal waste/bedding • general waste • stones • bricks • plant pots and timber**

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Brown bins that contain any of the *No thanks* items will not be emptied as it will contaminate the whole recycling load and cause difficulties with the recycling process.

**Your brown bin will be collected on a Tuesday**

| 2012 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| mar | apr | may | jun | jul | aug |
| 20 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 7 |
| | | | | 2013 | |
| sep | oct | nov | dec | jan | feb |
| 4 | 2 | no collection | no collection | 8 | no collection |

**Please note: there will be a brown bin collection in January 2013. If you would like your (real) Christmas tree collected, please place it in your brown bin on your day of collection.**

Please place your bin at the kerbside by 7am.

Please **DO NOT** overfill your brown bin and ensure your bin lid is fully closed.

Welcome to your brown bin calendar for 2012/13. Brown bin collections are on a separate calendar from blue and grey bin collections so that we can provide more efficient collection routes, providing a better value service. This means that for some households (but not all), your brown bin will be collected on a different day to your blue and grey bin, so please read this calendar carefully.

Collection rounds are regularly reviewed to make them more efficient. Should your day of collection change, you will be notified in advance and a replacement calendar will be issued. If you have received this calendar and do not currently have a recycling bin - please contact us on 01506 775000.

**See below for details of how you can obtain your 3 bags of compost FREE.**

# free compost voucher

With your help in 2010/11, we recycled over 8700 tonnes of garden waste, the equivalent of 435,000 bags of compost. This has played a major part in West Lothian achieving a 43% recycling rate.
We would like to **THANK YOU** by offering you some free compost.

As a West Lothian householder, this voucher entitles you to three bags of compost **FREE!** – bags must be self-filled (Subject to availability – please wear gloves when handling the compost).

**Your voucher is valid during the months of March, May and July ONLY.** Valid from March 1st 2012. Expiry date July 31st 2012.

**This voucher can be redeemed at Blackburn, Oakbank and Whitburn Community Recycling Centres ONLY**

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