

Handy guide to your new garden waste sacks

Today we've supplied you with six biodegradable paper sacks for your garden waste.



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How to use your new paper sacks

Brown biodegradable paper sacks

You can put **up to three bags per fortnight** out for collection.

Please **put your garden waste directly into the sacks**, up to the fill-line printed on the sack.

Securely roll the top down as per the guidance printed on the sack.

Do not line the paper sack with plastic bags as the sack is completely compostable along with your garden waste.

Do not exceed 20kg per sack because our crews need to be able to lift them.

Make sure sacks are **out by 7am** ready for collection.

Please **store paper sacks somewhere dry and avoid filling them too far in advance of collection**. If a bag becomes too weak to lift or decomposed, we won't be able to collect it.



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Here's a reminder of the recyclable items we can collect

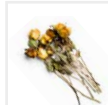
✓ Yes please



✓ Grass cuttings



✓ Leaves, shrub & hedge cuttings



✓ Plants, cut flowers & prunings



✓ Weeds



✓ Twigs, branches & small logs (max 10cm diameter)



✓ House plants



✓ Small amounts of soil attached to roots

✗ No thanks

- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Pet faeces, sawdust or bedding
- ✗ Plastic pots or plant labels
- ✗ Large amounts of soil
- ✗ Rubble or stones
- ✗ Invasive species (knotweed, ragwort)
- ✗ Plastic bags



Please do not overfill the sack.

To find out a full list of what we can and can't collect as part of your garden waste service please visit tewkesbury.gov.uk/recycling

FAQs

How do I get more bags?

The collection crew will regularly replenish bags, leaving you with replacements as you use them.



Can I save up and present more than three bags at a time?

No – the small vehicles have a limited capacity. Excess garden waste can be composted at home or taken to the Household Recycling Centre.

Won't this bag rip when it gets wet?

The bags are sturdy enough to **withstand a short period outside once full**, but please store your unused bags in a dry place.

I can't lift these bags to my collection point.

Please only fill the sacks with as much garden waste as you can manage.

You might like to use your garden waste bin as a handy 'wheelbarrow' to move the sacks to your collection point, but they must be lifted out and placed on the floor in time for collection.

If you think you may be eligible for an assisted collection service, please call us on **01684 295010** and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

These bags look smaller than my bin.

Three bags have around the same capacity as a standard garden waste bin.



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