

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **Over 40,000 Bexley residents signed up to recycle garden waste**

More than 40,000 Bexley residents have signed up to the borough's garden waste service following a competition that ran throughout National Gardening Week (10-16 April).

The 40,000th person who signed up to the Service as a new member has won free garden waste collection for a year. The winner will be notified shortly by the Waste and Recycling Team.

Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure Cllr Peter Craske said: "I am pleased that the service has been so popular and that so many residents have signed up. We made sure that the cost of the new service is the lowest in London at just £1.32 per collection and our residents recognise that it's good value for money. Thank you to all of our residents for continuing to reduce, re-use and recycle in Bexley."

There are now 40,050 residents in the borough using the Garden Waste Service. It offers Bexley residents a 240 litre garden recycling bin and 25 fortnightly collections for an annual cost of £33.

To make recycling even easier, the Council have teamed up with [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) to offer Bexley residents discounts on buying their own compost bins, as well as wormeries and water butts.

To find out more about the Garden Waste Service and the offers available to residents visit [www.bexley.gov.uk/GWS](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/GWS) or call 0208 303 7777 and ask for garden waste.

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- The London Borough of Bexley sends resident's garden waste off for composting and food waste is sent for anaerobic digestion. This is a highly sustainable method of dealing with organic waste which produces both renewable energy and a fertiliser. It also helps to reduce the amount of waste sent for incineration.

