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The Owner/Occupier

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Dear resident

We are writing to let you know about changes to how we collect your bins starting later this year.

Lancashire County Council has withdrawn the subsidy to us for waste collections leaving a huge gap in our budget of around £1m per year.

Where we can, we have protected residents from cuts in services, for example the libraries we've saved in the borough and bus routes we've funded to keep them running, but this is one step too far.

As garden waste collections are funded through this subsidy it was decided by councillors that the fairest way to continue to offer this service would be through a voluntary opt in scheme. We could have decided to scrap the service altogether but we feel it is important to continue to offer the collections to do our bit for the environment.

The important points...

- Your domestic/non-recyclable waste (green bin) and plastics, cans and glass (blue bin) collections will not change.
- It is your choice to have a fortnightly garden waste collection service from 1 May which will cost £30 per year.
- Paper and cardboard will be collected mixed together and will be collected from a bigger bin every **four weeks** from 1 May.



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Garden waste collections...

- From 1 May there will be a charge of £30 per year. This works out at about £1.25 per collection.
- You can sign up from 1 March and will need to be registered by 31 March to ensure you don't miss any collections.
- You can sign up at chorley.gov.uk/bins.
- Every household signing up will receive a new grey 240 litre bin **included** in the £30 charge.
- If you do not wish to take part you will not receive any garden waste collections from 1 May.
- You will still be able to home compost your garden waste or take it to the tip at Lower Burgh or Flensburgh Way (you will need to get a free permit if you have a van or a trailer from Lancashire County Council at lancashire.gov.uk to do this – you don't need one if you are using a car).

Paper and cardboard collections...

- We have listened to residents about pods and boxes and made improvements by moving to a bin collection with a lot more space for your paper and cardboard.
- From 1 May the current garden waste bin (brown bin) will be used for paper and cardboard (mixed together) instead of the black pod and green box.
- Paper and cardboard collections from your brown bin will be every four weeks (the space in the bin will be more than double what residents currently have in their box and pod).
- If you live in a property where you don't currently have a brown bin you will continue to use pods and boxes for now and you will be able to request a brown bin free of charge later in the year. We'd encourage you to request a brown bin for your paper and card as collection will be every four weeks.

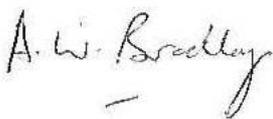
More information

We appreciate you may have further questions about the changes.

All the information and a list of frequently asked questions are available online at chorley.gov.uk/bins.

If you want to sign up to the scheme please do so as soon as possible – you can do this online at chorley.gov.uk/bins from 1 March. To make sure there is no break in your garden waste collections you will need to have signed up by 31 March. We will be in touch with more information in the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully



Councillor Alistair Bradley, Leader of Chorley Council