Important changes to your waste collection this Christmas

We will be changing the weeks that we collect your black bin and your blue-lidded bin this Christmas. This is to make sure that every household has a black bin collection in the weeks after Christmas. At the same time, we are changing the week that we collect some of our waste collection rounds. Apart from the 26 and 27 December, these changes do not affect the day of the week when we collect your waste.

We are also suspending the green bin garden waste collection service for three months. The last collection will be on your usual collection day, in the week beginning 5 December 2016. During the suspension period you can take your garden waste (no food waste) to the household waste recycling centre (tip) at Stockton, Hunter’s Lane in Rugby, or at Judkins in Nuneaton. These sites are run by Warwickshire County Council and we have no control over their opening times.

Alternatively, you can compost your garden waste at home. You can find information about how to compost, including offers on compost bins, at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/composting.

The garden waste collection service will restart next Spring. However, the council is considering introducing a charge for residents who want to use this service. There is more information about this proposal later in this leaflet.

We would like to contact you about our future plans for waste collection services. If you provide your details we will enter you into a draw to receive £50 in town centre vouchers as a thank you.

Name...................................................................................................................................................
Address ..............................................................................................................................................
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Postcode ............................................................................................................................................
Email....................................................................................................................................................

I understand that by providing my details I am giving permission for Rugby Borough Council or its agents to contact me about waste collection services.

1) If the garden waste collection became a chargeable seasonal service would you continue to use this service?
   ■ Yes  ■ No

2) If the garden waste collection became a chargeable seasonal service, how much would you be prepared to pay to have your garden waste collected from your home? (please select one only)
   ■ £45 per year  ■ £50 per year  ■ £55 per year

3) If the garden waste collection service became a chargeable seasonal service, how much of the year would you use the garden waste collection service?
   ■ All year round (12 months)  ■ Most of the year (10 months)  ■ Just in the summer (6 months)
## Charging for seasonal garden waste collection

We are considering introducing a charge for the garden waste collection service, and are inviting all households in the borough to tell us what they think. The council must maintain free household waste and recycling collection services, but is not required to collect garden waste.

Rugby Borough Council is partly funded by government grant, and partly by council tax and fees and charges. Over the next few years the government will phase out its grant. We must either reduce our services to match our remaining income, or fund existing services from other income.

For the average Band D property, the council tax charge for Rugby Borough Council is £131.42 per year.

You can complete this survey online at [www.rugby.gov.uk/greenwaste](http://www.rugby.gov.uk/greenwaste), or complete the form overleaf and post it to us at Green waste survey, Town Hall, Rugby CV21 2RR. Please let us know your thoughts by Tuesday 3 January 2017.

### Week Green / Black bin collections Blue lid bin collections

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<th>Green / Black bin collections</th>
<th>Blue lid bin collections</th>
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<td>5-9 December</td>
<td>Last green bin collection</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>12-16 December</td>
<td>Black bin collection (no change)</td>
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<td>19-23 December</td>
<td>Black bin collection (was green)</td>
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<td>26-30 December</td>
<td>RECYCLING COLLECTIONS ONLY</td>
<td>Scheduled blue bin collections for: Mon 26th moved to Thurs 29th Tues 27th moved to Fri 30th Wed 28th, Thurs 29th Fri 30th – no change</td>
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<td>2 January - 6 January</td>
<td>Black bin collection (was green)</td>
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<td>9-13 January</td>
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<td>16-20 January</td>
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<td>23-27 January</td>
<td>Half Borough refuse* Half Borough – no collection</td>
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*Affected residents will have their bins tagged during week beginning 9 January 2017.*