## Garden waste to be collected every three weeks from March



The City of Edinburgh Council is making changes to the way that garden waste is being collected in the city.

Until now garden rubbish has been collected every two weeks in the summer and every four weeks in the winter. Now it will be simpler to remember — they will come to pick up garden waste every three weeks — all year round.

This move has been made to save money on collections and was agreed in last year's budget.

Environment Convener, Councillor Lesley Hinds, said: "We know how much the garden waste service is valued by residents and that's why we continue to provide it.

"These changes to the frequency of collections will result in more consistency throughout the year, but will also enable us to keep providing this service, which I know has not been possible for all Councils amidst increasing financial constraints."

Stickers and tags will be applied to bins over the coming weeks to remind residents of the change, and 2017 bin calendars can be downloaded from the Council website, detailing the date on which three-weekly collections begin.

In some cases there will be an interim collection before the three-weekly collections begin. The residents concerned will receive a letter informing them of the date of this interim collection.

Any extra waste which can't be fitted into bins can be taken to local Community Recycling Centres in Sighthill, Seafield or Craigmillar.

Find out more about <u>bins and recycling</u>, including bin collection calendars, on the Council website.