



GREEN WASTE SKIP – RECYCLING

A review was carried out in 2017 at Pointalls Allotments Limited (PAL) of options to better dispose of ploholders surplus green waste. That is the amount of green and other vegetation not required for composting by ploholders.

PAL had previously introduced a total ban (following on and off site complaints) on individual ploholders burning their surplus green waste materials. This ban is a condition of PAL tenancy agreements, included in the schedule of site regulations.

PAL encourages composting and holds annual composting workshops. There is a dedicated fire site for controlled burning (controlled and operated by the site manager) for permitted materials only.

Other factors also influenced the decision to responsibly recycle green waste:

- an awareness of smoke emissions and its adverse impact on the environment and climate change
- the penalties of causing a statutory nuisance from persistent burning
- the borough being a designated smoke free area
- a GLA proposal to ban bonfires across all boroughs
- emission of smoke, fumes and smells prejudicial to the health and wellbeing of their neighbours, ploholders and crops

PAL were customers of London Waste (owned by several London boroughs) and received deliveries of free dark compost until LW was closed for redevelopment. PAL's green waste skips were sent to LW as recycling surplus materials was a preferable option to burning. The green waste is still turned into dark compost at a different location outside London.

A proposal was submitted by PAL to Barnet council who facilitated the initiative which was launched late spring 2018. The benefits of recycling in this way are appreciated by ploholders with the green waste skip now being the most popular on site service.

How the service operates

LBB deliver and collect dedicated 12 yard (1 tonne) skips. Each skip is held on site until full and is collected and replaced on request. Skip dimensions are:

Capacity	12yd ³	9.8m ³
Length	12'2"	3.7m
Width	5'9"	1.75m
Height (sides)	5'6"	1.68m

PAL's annual usage is budgeted at 8 collections. Each collected skip is replaced the same day.

To help illustrate what a tonne in weight looks like - a large metal commercial bin (1100 litres) contains about 100kg/0.1 tonnes in weight when emptied - so a tonne is 10 of those big metal bins filled up with general rubbish (normally about 20 full black sacks per bin).

Information about permitted and non permitted materials for the skip can be found at the end of this paper.

Costs of green waste skip service

a) Cost per collection including disposal of up to 1 tonne of waste = £269.37 which is a fixed cost per collection.

b) If skips are overloaded by weight, anything over one tonne in weight will be charged at the additional rate of £70 per tonne.

c) These costs will apply to any other BAF sites and collections can be reduced or increased. The number of collections depends on what each site wants as some will obviously generate more waste than others dependent on their size.

d) There is a one-off joining fee payable in year 1 of £216.95.

e) Importantly the service is Vat exempt (local authority) which is a saving compared with external commercial services.

Contacts

a) For more information about the practical workings and experience of this service email: membership@pointalls.org

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Green Waste Recycling Skip - Permitted Materials

- Dry Vegetation
- Green Vegetation
- Grasses/Grass Cuttings
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Plants
- Fruit
- Shrubs/Bushes
- Hedge Trimmings
- Tree Prunings Up To 60cm long x 2cm dia

Green Waste Recycling Skip - Prohibited Materials

- All other materials, including:
- Large Branches/Logs
- Soil Other Than Plant Residue
- Timber and Treated Wood
- Plastic
- Plastic Bags
- General Waste or Rubbish