

Yorwaste take a recycling-led approach to the services we provide, seeing your waste as a resource, from which we aim to capture the best value. Here's an outline of the key steps in the waste journey for garden waste.

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Collection:

- We accept garden waste as part of our household kerbside waste collections for the Council, or at our Household Waste Recycling Centre.

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Transfer to Material Recovery Facility (MRF):

- The garden waste is transported to a transfer facility near you. It is then sent in bulk to one of our processing plants at Harewood Whin, Seamer Carr or Tancred.

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Processing:

- Once the garden waste has reached the processing plant it is checked for contamination, shredded and placed in long rows which are called windrows. Each windrow contains around five-six hundred tonnes of garden waste.
- It takes 11 weeks for garden waste to become compost and during this time each windrow is turned on the pad to optimise the natural composting process. As one windrow leaves a stage of the process, another one takes its place. When a windrow is ready, it leaves the pad and is placed in a trommel with a mesh measuring 25mm. This allows the removal of any remaining contaminants (bits of plastic), and the compost is graded into the right size. For every 2500 tonnes we produce, a sample is sent to a laboratory to be tested. **Our compost is PAS 100 certified.**

