

# Garden assistance scheme



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The scheme is for council tenants who have difficulty managing their garden.



The council arranges for lawns and hedges to be cut at regular intervals during the growing season.

**The service is free to people who are 75 or over, and to younger people who claim disability benefits.**

If you are disabled but do not claim benefits, you can get a letter from your doctor or other professional stating that you are unable to manage your garden.

If you qualify for the free service and are under 75, you will need to show proof of benefits entitlement. Tenants on the scheme should have no one living with them who is able to cut grass and hedges, or have anyone else who is willing to help with any gardening.

Tenants who have difficulty in managing their gardens, but do not qualify for the free service, can apply to go on the garden assistance scheme.

You will have to pay a charge which is added to your rent. The charge is payable for the whole year not just for the period that the work is carried out. The cost is not covered by housing benefit or universal credit.

How often we cut the grass will depend on weather conditions and how quickly the grass is growing. Hedges are cut twice a year.

The scheme is managed by the housing management team and the work is carried out by the council's gardeners.

**For more information and a breakdown of scheme charges please contact the housing assistants:**



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