

General Guidelines for Shredding Woody Waste

Bagthorpe Gardeners offers a volunteer shredding service for members. It makes the work easier for the volunteers if members know what can be shredded and where to bring it to.

What is good for shredding?

Woody stuff - Hedge cuttings, raspberry canes, old brambles (The leaves can be left on the branches)

The sort of ivy that branches out on trees

Holly

Tree branches no more than 4cm wide

What won't we put through the shredder?

Please don't bring any of the following:

Soft green stuff - put it in your own compost bin (it will clog up the shredder)

Pernicious weeds (bindweed, horsetail, and weeds with seed heads such as dock)

Grass (clogs up the shredder)

Clumps of earth / roots (clogs the shredder and dulls the blades)

Processed wood (contains nails and preservative chemicals)

Stuff that has started to rot down (unpleasant and clogs the machine)

Plastic / stones / glass

Bagging - up

Put stuff appropriate for shredding in one-ton Builders' Bag. Don't leave stuff loose in the shredding leave / collect areas.

Builders' Bags are in the July Plot garage, and also on the Community Garden.

Only fill a bag about 2/3rds full and don't pack the bag down - leave enough room for the air to circulate and for the material to start to dry out. Heavy overfilled bags are also difficult for the team to manoeuvre.

Don't keep stuff on your plot for months. By the time you bring it to be shredded, it will be compost! Bring little and often.

Where shall I bring it?

Bring the bags to the ramp outside the July Plot Garage out on the West Avenue or leave up by the compost bins on the Community garden

Take care not to obstruct the gate to the July Plot for the gardeners there.

Can I have the shreds back?

If you want your shreds back, write your name and plot on a A4 sized piece of cardboard tucked in the top of the sack.

This will be put in the top of the bag when the shreds are done.

Your shreds may not be in the same bag as before.

If there is no name, we will put the shreds out for general collection.

Please collect your shreds as soon as possible after you are told they are done.

