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Autumn is a busy time in the garden with fallen leaves and flower beds to clear ahead of the cold winter months ahead.

The warmer weather coupled with heavy rain showers this summer has helped our gardens to bloom and flourish; so what should you do with all the extra garden waste?

The answer is home composting; turning most kitchen and garden waste into a rich compost to keep your garden thriving year after year.

To encourage residents to get composting, the council has teamed up with [Getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com) to offer home compost bins at special offer prices from only £9.

Better still, there is currently a special 'buy one get one half price' offer on some bins whilst stocks last.

Councillor Gavin Elsey, Peterborough City Council cabinet member for digital, waste and street scene, said: "Do not look at it as waste; your old garden debris has the potential to give you a free supply of top quality compost with very little effort.

"Simply throw it into a compost bin and over the winter months it will rot down to produce environmentally friendly compost that when added to the garden will suppress weeds and retain moisture throughout the dry months."

Benefits of home composting are many - it is easy to make and easy to use, produces a free continual source of the very best compost, improves soil structure and maintains moisture and helps the soil PH balance.

Home composting also suppresses plant disease, reduces the need for polluting bonfires and carbon emissions, and also helps to divert organic waste from landfill.

To see what's available to buy please visit <http://www.peterborough.getcomposting.com/> (<http://www.peterborough.getcomposting.com/>) or call 0844 571 4444.