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## Dispose of your Garden Waste in Ellesmere

On Saturday 2 April, Ellesmere residents will have the opportunity to dispose of garden waste at a community garden waste day to be held at Cemetery Pit.

"If you're planning to clean up your garden over Easter this is a great chance to get rid of garden prunings, tree trimmings or weeds" says ~~A~~the Selwyn District Council's Solid Waste Manager Andrew Boyd.

It costs \$5 per car, \$10 per ute or single axle trailer, \$15 per twin axle trailer to dispose of garden waste on the day. Payment is by cash only (no EFTPOS is available). Proceeds from the Ellesmere garden waste day will be donated to the Ellesmere Heritage Park.

General rubbish, soil, flax, cabbage tree leaves, trees or branches over 10cm in diameter cannot be disposed of through this service.

Cemetery Pit is located on Southbridge Leeston Road, between Southbridge and Leeston. The garden waste service will be operating on Saturday 2 April between 10am and 4pm and will be operated by a combination of contractors and volunteers.

A garden waste disposal day was held in December at Hawkins Pit near Darfield where over 14,200kgs of garden waste was collected to be composted rather than being burned or put into a landfill. A second garden waste disposal day is planned at Hawkins Pit on Saturday 30 April. More community garden waste days are also planned for both Ellesmere and Malvern areas in late 2016.

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*Photo attached: Volunteers processing green waste at Hawkins Pit near Darfield in December. Around 14,000 kilograms of garden waste were collected at the day and over \$700 was raised for the Malvern Lions Club who received the proceeds from the day*

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