

ALMOND GARDEN MAINTENANCE SCHEME

There are two schemes to help you to maintain your garden if you are unable to look after it yourself.

- 1 **West Lothian Council's scheme** is available to you if you are **over 70** years old, **disabled** or **blind**, or if you suffer from **ill health and are receiving Disability Living Allowance**. **It covers grass cutting and hedge trimming only**. It is open to all residents in West Lothian. There may be a charge depending on your income. Forms can be obtained from West Lothian Council or our office and should be sent to West Lothian Council at County Buildings, Linlithgow, EH49 7EZ.
- 2 **Almond Housing Association's scheme** is designed to give help which is not available under West Lothian's scheme, such as border maintenance, digging and pruning. It can also give help with grass cutting and hedge trimming if you are eligible under this scheme. The Association's scheme is free of charge at the moment.

Who is eligible for the Association's scheme?

You will qualify if you are an Almond Housing Association tenant and you either

- a are a pensioner
 - b registered disabled or blind
- or**
- c supply evidence confirming you are on Disability Living Allowance.

If there is an able-bodied relative under pension age living with you, you will not be able to get help under either scheme.

NOTES ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION'S SCHEME

- Please return the attached form to Shiel House, Craigshill.
- You will be informed within four weeks of applying whether you have been accepted onto the scheme. If you cannot be accepted we will write to explain the reason. Once you have been accepted you do not need to re-apply each year.
- If your circumstances change, for example if an able-bodied relative moves in with you, or you buy your house, or you move to another house, please inform us of this.
- Almond Housing Association staff reserve the right to decide how much work can be done in your garden under the scheme. We will let you know if we cannot do all the work you have asked us for.
- Work is normally done between April and October each year.
- The gardeners will take all reasonable care and will leave your garden in as tidy a condition as they can. **Please note that your joining the scheme is voluntary and that the Association will not accept liability for any damage to your property or anything in your garden.**

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

Please arrange for your Doctor/Health Visitor/District Nurse to certify below, and ask them to stamp the form with the Health Centre address.

If you are asking for grass-cutting or hedge-trimming please take West Lothian Council's forms and certificate to be signed at the same time.

If you are a pensioner and not medically unfit you do not need a medical certificate.

<p>ALMOND HOUSING ASSOCIATION GARDEN SCHEME FOR SPECIAL GROUPS</p> <p>Certificate as to Disablement</p> <p>I hereby certify that:-</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Address</p> <p>is incapable through disablement or other health reasons to maintain the garden area at the above property, and that there is no other member of the household who is capable of doing the work.</p> <p>Nature of Disability:</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>Designation:</p> <p>Date:</p>
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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

Housing Manager
Almond Housing Association
Shiel House
Craigshill
LIVINGSTON
EH54 5EH

Section 3

Do you get help with grass-cutting or hedge-trimming from West Lothian Council?

If no, please note that we will refer you to WLC if you qualify for their garden scheme, but you may still qualify for other help from us.

Do you need work done in your front garden only?

Yes

No

If work is in back garden, do you have a back gate?

Yes

No

Can gardeners take machinery easily to your back garden?

Yes

No

Does your garden need regular maintenance?

Yes

No

Do you need help once only?

Yes

No

Do you need help for a limited period only?

Yes

No

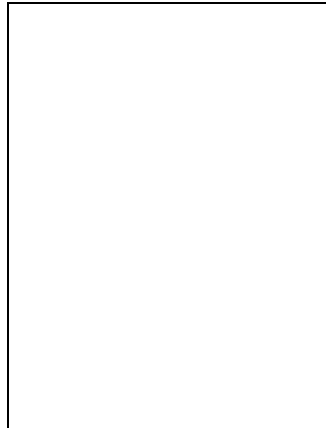
If so please state how long you think you may need help.....

Rough Plan of Garden

Please tick and if possible outline on plan what work needs to be done in each section of garden, where appropriate.

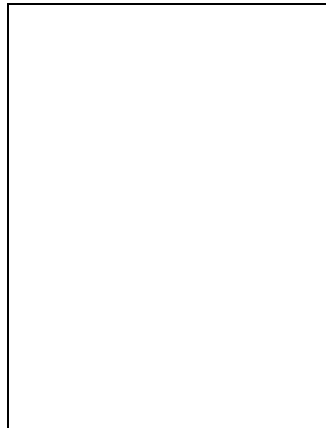
Front Garden

- Grass #
- Weedkill #
- Borders #
- Bush #
- Hedge #
- Roses #



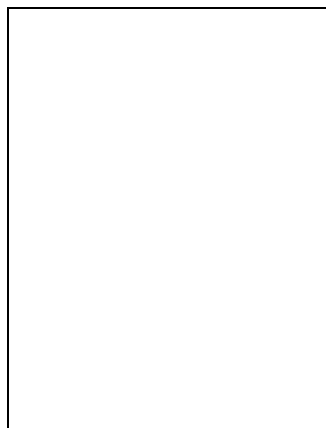
Back Garden

- Grass #
- Weedkill #
- Borders #
- Bush #
- Hedge #
- Roses #



Side Garden

- Grass #
- Weedkill #
- Borders #
- Bush #
- Hedge #
- Roses #



If further assistance is required please contact this office and if necessary a visit can be arranged.

Signed

Date