

What to do with unwanted items

Rotorua Lakes Council Waste Directory



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| Aerosol cans (spray cans) | Empty | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Empty cans can be placed into metal recycling bins - remove any plastic trigger buttons first |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Agricultural chemicals and containers | | Other | Dispose or recycle via product stewardship programmes, e.g. Agrecovery | For more information on Agrecovery, see agrecovery.co.nz/programmes/chemical-disposal |
| Aluminium cans | Clean, empty | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at transfer stations | |
| Aluminium foil, trays and plates | Dirty, unable to be cleaned | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Clean unused trays can be placed in metal recycling bins at the Recycling Centre |
| | Clean | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | |
| Animal waste - dog poo, cat poo | | Compost (in-ground) | Can be home composted in the ground, separately to other food and garden waste | More information can be found here: compostcollective.org.nz/composting-dog-poo |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Appliances - small (e.g. toasters, kettles, handheld appliances) | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | You may be able to return your appliance to the purchasing store but the product may end up in landfill without an attempt at repair, ask where returned/replaced goods go at the store E-waste disposal charges will apply for some items at Recycling Centre, place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre, pay fee on site. E-waste is dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| | Not working | Repair | Electronic repair stores, appliance outlets | |
| | Broken, not able to be repaired | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | |
| Asbestos | Triple wrapped | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | A private removal company will need to be contacted | Asbestos disposal has specific requirements for material preparation and contractor protection |
| Ash (wood) | Cold | Compost | Home compost or garden | Small amounts of ash can be added in layers to your compost or sprinkled over garden soils |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Do not put hot ash into your kerbside bin |
| Bamboo | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Bamboo is not able to be disposed as green waste because it re-grows even from off cuts and is hard to get rid of; it is classified as a pest |
| Batteries (vehicle) | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | Vehicle batteries are accepted at the Recycling Centre, these are then sent to scrap metal dealers. Do not put into your red or yellow lid bins |
| Batteries (smaller sized) | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Bunnings stores, battery collection boxes (when available) | Avoid stock piling batteries and do not put these into your yellow lid bin |
| Bikes | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | These may be donated for retrieval of parts where possible |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be reused | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins | |

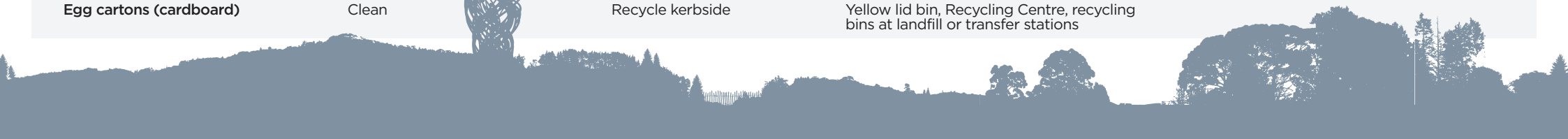


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| Biodegradable plastics and packaging | | Avoid, reduce | Opt for unpackaged goods wherever possible. Take your own reusable containers and bags to stores, services and events where you may end up having something to take away | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Biodegradable plastics and packaging are not able to be accepted in existing programmes for other soft plastics. For more information see here: www.plastics.org.nz/images/documents/Environment/Compostables/Quick-Guide-final-2019.pdf . Many bioplastics are not home compostable. Check labelling and certificates carefully before composting at home |
| Blister packs | Empty | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Books | Sellable condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Poor condition, not able to be reused | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Remove any hard covers and binding, these parts go to landfill |
| Bric-a-brac | Sellable condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be reused | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Broken glass | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Wrap carefully if placing in red bag |
| Bubble wrap | Reusable condition | Reuse | Avoid popping the bubbles, continue to use for its intended purpose until no longer functional | |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Soft Plastics Recycling collection points (see their website www.recycling.kiwi.nz) | This item cannot go into kerbside recycling. No charge to deposit to designated collection sites; post options also available |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Butter wrapping | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | These items cannot go into kerbside recycling because of their grease resistant coatings |
| Cardboard | | Reuse | Cardboard can be used for many things, boxes can be flattened for easy storage | |
| | Clean, flattened | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Remove excess plastic tape, windows and staples |
| Carpet | Sellable condition, usable size | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Poor condition, small sections, not able to be re-used | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| Car parts and scraps | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Contact scrap metal dealers | Dealers may pay for scrap cars. Scrap cars can be dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Car seats (infant and child) | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Must be within safety dates, not expired |
| | Expired | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | \$10 fee per seat (Council is subsidising \$15 of the \$25 fee). SeatSmart break down these seats for recycling of materials |

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| Cat litter | | Avoid, reduce Landfill | Toilet train your cat to use outside spaces Red lid bin or red bag | This is often made of bentonite clay or a silica based material and is not able to be recycled |
| Cellophane | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | This is not able to be accepted in existing programmes for soft plastics |
| Cell phones | Broken, not able to be re-used | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or via Re:Mobile drop off points (see their website remobile.org.nz) | Complete factory reset first, remove sim card, leave battery in phone, switch phone off |
| Ceramics, crockery, porcelain | Broken | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Cleaning products | | Avoid, reduce Landfill | Avoid 'overcleaning' – sometimes a wet cloth will suffice. There are a number of options around with minimal or reusable packaging, or which can be topped up at bulk bin stores. Look online for recipes to make your own from less problematic materials Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Small amounts of household cleaning product waste or residue can be accepted for landfill. Larger amounts should not go into your kerbside bins, a licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted for these |
| Clothing, shoes and accessories | | Avoid, reduce | Avoid 'fast fashion', look for good quality items which can be matched easily. Avoid buying more than you need. Buy or source second-hand as much as possible – swap with friends and family to keep your wardrobe fresh | |
| | Sellable condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Check with second hand shops before donating as they are not always able to accept these |
| | Torn, poor condition | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Coffee capsules | | Other | Dispose or recycle via product stewardship programmes, e.g. Terracycle | For more information on Terracycle collection schemes, see www.terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| Coffee cups (disposable) | | Avoid, reduce Landfill | Dine in instead or take your own reusable cup. Some cafés may have swap or borrow schemes you can use Red lid bin or red bag | These items cannot go into kerbside recycling because most will have a plastic inner lining of some sort (unless they are identified as being fully home compostable) |
| Compostable plastics and packaging (commercially compostable) | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | There are currently limited processing facilities for these products in New Zealand. For more information see www.plastics.org.nz/images/documents/Environment/Compostables/Quick-Guide-final-2019.pdf |
| Compostable plastics and packaging (home compostable) | Labelled AS5810, NT T 51-800 or HOME variation of EN 13432 | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Home compost | Check certification label carefully. For more information see www.plastics.org.nz/images/documents/Environment/Compostables/Quick-Guide-final-2019.pdf |



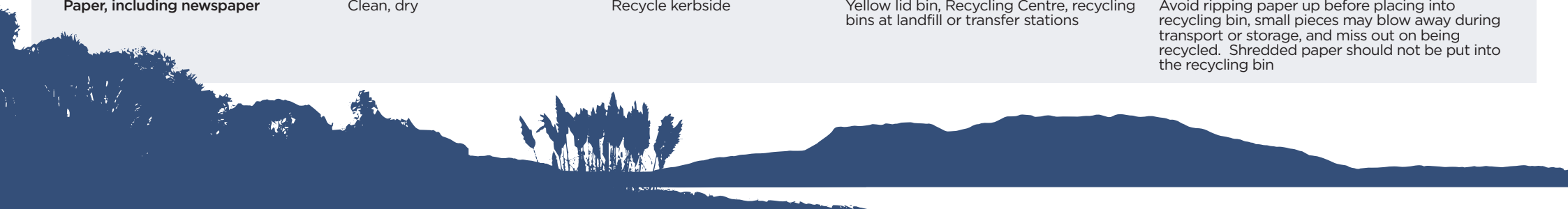
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| Computers and computer products | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Laptops which are less than 10 years old with a charger can be donated to reuse programmes like Recycle A Device, see www.recycleadevice.nz |
| | Not working | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or Noel Leeming (computers, phones and accessories) | E-waste disposal charges will apply for some items at Recycling Centre, place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre, pay fee on site. No cost to deposit for recycling at Noel Leeming. E-waste is dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Concrete waste | 100% clean concrete/asphalt | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | Reduced landfill fees, place at designated concrete area |
| Cookware (metal pots, pans, small utensils) | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Dealers may pay for larger quantities |
| | Not able to be re-used | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins or collect and take to scrap metal dealers | |
| Cosmetics (partly used) | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | These are not able to be sold by second hand stores |
| Cosmetic containers | Plastics 1, 2 or 5 | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Must be empty and clean |
| | | Other | Dispose or recycle via product stewardship programmes, e.g. Terracycle | For more information on Terracycle collection schemes, see terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| Curtains | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops or Curtain Bank | |
| | Torn, poor condition | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Deceased animals | | Other | Contact a vet or council for advice | Contact Council if you come across a deceased animal in a public space. Contact Department of Conservation Rotorua (07 349 7400), Bay of Plenty Regional Council pollution hotline (0800 884 883), or check DOC website (www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/sick-injured-and-dead-wildlife) if you come across native deceased animals |
| Degradable and oxo-degradable plastics and packaging | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | For more information see www.plastics.org.nz/images/documents/Environment/Compostables/Quick-Guide-final-2019.pdf |
| Diesel | | Other | Contact a licensed hazardous waste provider | This cannot go into your kerbside bins and is not accepted at the landfill |
| Disposable nappies | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Electrical items (e.g. televisions, computer & network equipment, printers, toners, fax machines, cellphones, tablets, laptop batteries) | Not working | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or Noel Leeming (computers, phones and accessories) | E-waste disposal charges will apply for some items at Recycling Centre, place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre, pay fee on site. No cost to deposit for recycling at Noel Leeming. E-waste is dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Egg cartons (cardboard) | Clean | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |



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| Fast food packaging and containers | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Though many of these are cardboard they will have a plastic lining to stop grease from leaking through |
| Fire extinguishers | Full, partly full Empty | Other | Fire department, or a licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted | Call local fire department (non-emergency) to see if they will take the extinguisher for training purposes or disposal, otherwise take to a hazardous waste disposal facility for processing |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins or collect and take to scrap metal dealers | Dealers may pay for larger quantities |
| Flax | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Flax is not able to be disposed as green waste because it is incredibly strong and damages processing machines |
| Food scraps | | Avoid, reduce | Plan meals carefully, store leftovers safely and eat before they spoil | For more information and tips, see www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Home compost | Contact recycling@rotorualc.nz for more information on setting up a home compost |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Rotorua does not currently have kerbside organic waste collections |
| Fridges | Sellable, working condition Not working | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre, transfer stations or landfill drop-off | Degassing fee at Recycling Centre \$15 if required. Reduced landfill fees for white ware disposal/recycling. If items are taken with other general waste then general landfill fees will apply |
| Furniture | Sellable, working condition | Reuse | Refresh dated furniture with a coat of paint or change of upholstery | |
| | | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Damaged, broken | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| Gas bottles (LPG) | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or landfill drop-off | Degassing fee \$5 if required. These are sent to scrap metal dealers for metal recycling. Do not put into your yellow lid bin |
| Gib board | Not able to be re-used | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| Gift bags | Good usable condition Not able to be re-used | Reuse | Gift bags can be reused many times, fold carefully and stash away until the next celebration event | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Glass bottles or jars (clear, green, brown food or drink containers) | Clean, empty | Reuse | Keep sturdy jars and lids for storage, or fill with ingredients and goodies and decorate as gifts | |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Blue kerbside crate, Recycling Centre, glass recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Remove corks and lids. No window, windscreen, mirror or crystal glassware. Jars in good condition may be able to be donated to second hand stores. Do not put glass in your yellow lid recycling bin |

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| Glass – other e.g. drinking glasses, wine glasses, window glass, mirror glass | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Damaged, broken | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | |
| Gorse | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Landfill or transfer stations – green waste drop-off | Reduced landfill fees for green waste recycling. Although this is a noxious weed it is accepted as green waste |
| Grass/lawn clippings | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Home compost (small amounts) | If putting into your compost, keep layers thin as clipped grass can compact down, restricting air flow and decomposition |
| | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Landfill or transfer stations – green waste drop-off | Reduced landfill fees for green waste recycling. |
| Green waste | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Home compost | |
| | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Landfill or transfer stations – green waste drop-off | Reduced landfill fees for green waste recycling |
| Hazardous chemicals | | Other | Contact a licensed hazardous waste provider | These cannot go into your kerbside bins and most are not accepted at the landfill |
| Heaters | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | |
| Hoses, plastic tubing | Not working | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | |
| Lids from jars and containers | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Metal lids will generally have a silicon layer which makes them unsuitable for metal recycling as it is difficult to separate |
| Lightbulbs (fluorescent or LED) | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Mitre 10 stores, lightbulb collection boxes (household quantities) | These are dismantled and recycled as raw materials. Broken bulbs should not be placed into these recycling bins due to safety hazards from broken glass and parts. For more information see www.mitre10.co.nz/lightbulbrecycling |
| Magazines | | Reuse | Donate to others to read after you | |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Meat trays – foam/ polystyrene | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Meat trays – plastic # 1 | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Clean before recycling |
| Medical waste (e.g. needles, syringes, sharps) | | Other | Drop to a pharmacist for safe disposal | |
| Medications | Un-used, expired | Avoid, reduce | Avoid stock piling medications unnecessarily – they could expire before you are able to use them | |
| | Un-used, expired | Other | Drop to a pharmacist for safe disposal | |

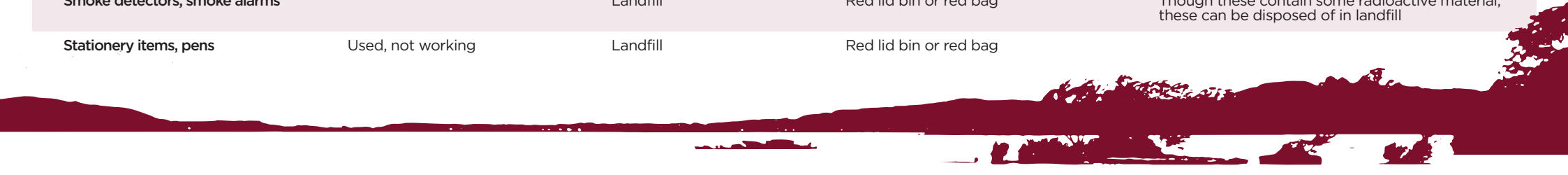
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| Metal waste (scrap metal) | Sellable, working condition | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins or collect and take to scrap metal dealers | There may be charges for some items e.g. white ware. Dealers may pay for larger quantities |
| Microwaves | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Donate Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Second hand shops Recycling Centre, transfer stations or landfill drop-off | Reduced landfill fees for white ware disposal/recycling. If items are taken with other general waste then general landfill fees will apply. E-waste is dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Milk bottle lids | Clean | Recycle (other - not kerbside) Landfill | Precious Plastics - a Rotorua collection point is available at Brown Owl Organics, 1168 Amohia Street Red lid bin or red bag | These lids should not go into kerbside recycling as they are too small for processing via these services |
| Mirror glass | Broken | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop off | |
| Oil (waste car oil) | Small quantities | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Small household amounts of waste oil can be taken to landfill. For larger amounts, a licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted | This cannot go into your kerbside bins |
| Oil (cooking) | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Cool and dispose in landfill bin, do not drain into sink |
| Paint | | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | A small amount of household hazardous waste can be taken to landfill. For larger amounts, a licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted | Most major paint suppliers will accept old paint and dispose of it correctly |
| Paint buckets - metal | Clean, metal | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins or collect and take to scrap metal dealers | |
| Paint buckets - plastic | Clean, empty | Reuse Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Some paint buckets are well suited to a home-made bokashi bin for anaerobic composting Some paint suppliers will receive for recycling (e.g. Resene Colourshops), even with paint remaining | More information can be found on the Compost Collective website: https://compostcollective.org.nz/bokashi There may be a charge for non-shop branded buckets which still have paint in them |
| Pallets - plastic | Broken, damaged | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| Pallets - wood | Intact, reusable condition | Reuse | Advertise through marketplace platforms, people may want these for pallet gardens or building projects | |
| | Broken, damaged | Landfill | Landfill drop-off | |
| Paper, including newspaper | Clean, dry | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Avoid ripping paper up before placing into recycling bin, small pieces may blow away during transport or storage, and miss out on being recycled. Shredded paper should not be put into the recycling bin |



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| Petrol | | Other | Contact a licensed hazardous waste provider | This cannot go into your kerbside bins and is not accepted at the landfill |
| Phone books | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Pizza boxes | Clean | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Remove any food pieces or residue |
| Plant pots (plastic) | | Reuse | Plant more plants | Plant pots should not be placed into kerbside recycling bins |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Mitre 10 stores, plant pot collection boxes | |
| Plastic bags (including plastic bags labelled as #2) | Clean, empty | Avoid, reduce | Take your own reusable bags to stores, services and events where you may end up having something to take away | No charge to deposit to designated collection sites; post options also available |
| | | Reuse | Wash if needed and reuse | |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Soft Plastics Recycling collection points (see their website www.recycling.kiwi.nz) | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Plastic bottles and containers - number 1, 2 or 5 | Clean, empty | Avoid, reduce | Opt for unpackaged goods wherever possible or look for options with paper or cardboard packaging | Remove all lids and caps where these can be removed |
| | | Reuse (#5) | Plastics number 5 are sturdy, wash and use for storage | |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Plastic wrap, soft plastics - number 2, 4 or other | Clean, empty | Avoid, reduce | Opt for unpackaged goods wherever possible or look for options with paper or cardboard packaging | No charge to deposit to designated collection sites; post options also available |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Soft Plastics Recycling collection points (see their website www.recycling.kiwi.nz) | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Plastic bottles, containers, packaging and items - number 3, 6, or 7 | | Avoid, reduce | Look for alternatives to prevent purchase of these hard-to-recycle plastics as often as possible. Avoid unnecessary product purchases | These items cannot go into kerbside recycling collections |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Plastic plates and cutlery | | Avoid, reduce | Use reusable crockery instead | These items cannot go into kerbside recycling collections |
| | | Reuse | Often these can be washed and reused | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Plastic strapping | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag or landfill drop off | |



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| Polystyrene (plastic 6) | From Mitre 10 purchases | Recycle | Mitre 10 stores, Expol collection box | Processing capacity is limited for the recycling of polystyrene, so some collections need to be restricted |
| | Other | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag or landfill drop off | These items cannot go into kerbside recycling collections |
| Ponga trees or logs | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Landfill or transfer stations - green waste drop-off | Reduced landfill fees for green waste recycling. Council now has a large shredder which can shred ponga trees and logs for green waste |
| Printers | Not working | Repair | Electronic repair stores, appliance outlets | You may be able to return your appliance to the purchasing store but the product may end up in landfill without an attempt at repair, ask where returned/replaced goods go at the store |
| | Broken, not able to be repaired | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or Noel Leeming (computers, phones and accessories) | E-waste disposal charges will apply for some items at Recycling Centre, place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre, pay fee on site. No cost to deposit for recycling at Noel Leeming. E-waste is dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Print cartridges | Used, empty | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Warehouse Stationery | Any brand ink cartridges, toner cartridges, drum cartridges can be dropped off free of charge - for more information see www.warehousestationery.co.nz/ink-toner-recycle-faq |
| Razors | Used | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Dispose or recycle via product stewardship programmes, e.g. Terracycle | For more information on Terracycle collection schemes, see www.terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Receipts, receipt paper | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | These items should not go into kerbside recycling collections because they can be made of a range of different materials |
| Rope | Able to be reused | Reuse | Good lengths of rope are easily able to be reused | |
| | Broken, not able to be reused | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Rubber | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Scrap metal (metal waste) | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins or collect and take to scrap metal dealers | There may be charges for some items e.g. white ware. Dealers may pay for larger quantities |
| Scrap vehicles | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Contact scrap metal dealers | Dealers may pay for scrap cars. Scrap cars can be dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Silage wrap | | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | This is a contaminated product and therefore cannot be recycled |
| Smoke detectors, smoke alarms | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Though these contain some radioactive material, these can be disposed of in landfill |
| Stationery items, pens | Used, not working | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |



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| Soil, dirt | | Landfill (other – not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | This is not classed as recyclable |
| Televisions | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | You may be able to return your television to the purchasing store but the product may end up in landfill without an attempt at repair, ask where returned/replaced goods go at the store E-waste disposal charges will apply, place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre, pay fee on site. E-waste is dismantled for material recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| | Not working | Repair | Electronic repair stores | |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | |
| Tetra Pak and other liquid paperboard (e.g. milk and juice boxes) | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | SaveBoard – box up cartons and post/courier to saveBOARD, 30 Sunshine Ave, Hamilton 3200 (for more information see their website www.saveboard.nz) | No cost to deposit for recycling, postage costs only. These items should not go into kerbside recycling bins |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Tin/steel cans | Clean, empty | Reuse | Wash and use for storage e.g. screws, pens, stickers, other small items | Keep lids attached to can or place lid inside and squash can top together to trap in place. |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Tools – manual or battery/power operated | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | You may be able to return your items to the purchasing store but the product may end up in landfill without an attempt at repair, ask where returned/replaced goods go at the store |
| | Not working | Repair | Electronic repair stores | |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, floss containers | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Dispose or recycle via product stewardship programmes, e.g. Terracycle | For more information on Terracycle collection schemes, see www.terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Toys | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | You may be able to return toys to the purchasing store but the product may end up in landfill without an attempt at repair, ask where returned/replaced goods go at the store |
| | Not working, damaged | Repair | Some toys are able to be repaired manually, or could be adapted and played with in a different way | |
| | Not able to be repaired | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Tyres | | Reuse | Tyres can be a handy resource in the garden – frame gardens, create climbing obstacles for children, advertise free to farmers | There may be a small charge per tyre (e.g. \$3.50 per car tyre, \$6 for 4WD and truck tyres), prices may vary depending on recycling costs |
| | | Other | Take back to company who sold them (e.g. Beaufreaires) | |

| ITEM | STATE | PATHWAY(S) | METHODS | MORE INFO |
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| Whiteware (e.g. fridges, freezers, ovens, washing machines) | Sellable, working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Degassing fee for fridges at Recycling Centre \$15 if required. Reduced landfill fees for white ware disposal/ recycling. If items are taken with other general waste then general landfill fees will apply |
| | Not working | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre, transfer stations or landfill drop-off | |
| Window and windscreen glass | | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | |
| Wood, timber, wood waste | Untreated | Reuse | Wood scraps can be used for many things | Consider donating to a school or for firewood |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| | Treated | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | |
| Wrapping paper | All types | Avoid, reduce | Look for other ways to wrap or present gifts without using gift wrap, e.g. material wrap with a sturdy ribbon | |
| | Paper, craft paper | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| | Shiny, metallic, gloss | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |

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