

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	

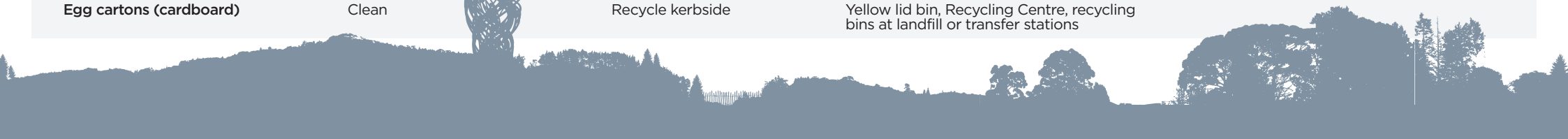


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Biodegradable plastics and packaging		Avoid, reduce	Opt for unpackaged goods wherever possible. Take your own reusable containers and bags to stores, services and events where you may end up having something to take away	
		Landfill	Red lid bin or 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



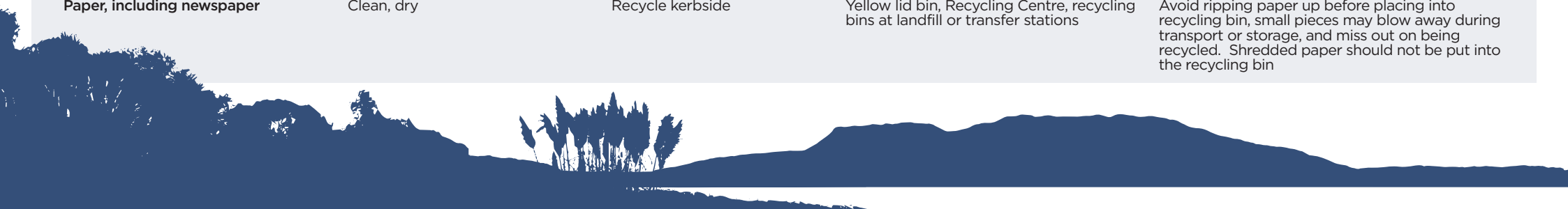
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Computers and computer products	Sellable, working condition	Donate	Second hand shops	Laptops which are less than 10 years old with a charger can be donated to reuse programmes like Recycle A Device, see www.recycleadevice.nz
	Not working	Recycle (other - 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	

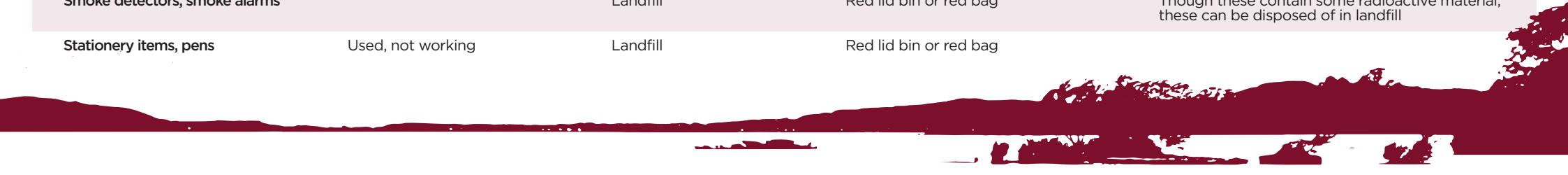
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Metal waste (scrap metal)	Sellable, working condition	Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins or collect and take to scrap metal dealers	There may be charges for some items e.g. white ware. Dealers may 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)	

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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	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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