

New Zealand has some new rules around waste, which means most Kiwis can now sort their recycling, organics and rubbish in the same way.

Find out about changes for our district at ccc.govt.nz/ kerbside-changes

## Bin good guide

to reduce waste

ccc.govt.nz/bingood



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## I bin good at reducing waste

By putting the right items in the right bins, you're helping to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. This saves money and is better for the environment.

#### Identify your bin

It's important to identify your bins in case they go missing or get damaged. Please put your bin serial numbers below.

## **My bins**

#### I bin good with organics



By putting the right stuff in your green bin, you're making it possible for us to make locally-produced organic compost. If the wrong stuff goes in the green bin, the entire truckload might have to go to landfill.

Collected weekly

#### Bin serial number:

## I bin good with recycling



Collected every two weeks

By putting the right stuff in your yellow bin, you're making it possible for us to recycle. If the wrong stuff goes in the yellow bin, the entire truckload might have to go to landfill instead of being recycled.

Bin serial number:

## I bin good with rubbish



By putting the right stuff in your red bin, you're keeping the other bins free of contaminants. If in doubt use the handy look-up tool in our app or check out our website.

Bin serial number:

## I bin good with organics

Only put food and garden waste in your green organics bin.



#### **Remember:**

Paper towels and tea bags now go in your red bin.



## I bin good at recycling

Only put the items below in your yellow recycling bin.

#### **Remember:**

Give your bottles, tins, cans and plastic containers a rinse. Make sure they are loose and not squashed. Put lids in your red bin.



## I bin good with rubbish

Only put general rubbish and the items below in your red rubbish bin.

#### **Remember:**

Reduce waste where you can. If you're unsure where something goes, you can view the full list on our **Christchurch Bins app.** 



All lids and small plastic items (smaller than a yoghurt pottle)



Paper towels, food soiled cardboard and shredded paper



Timber offcuts, flax and cabbage tree leaves



Cold ash (let ash cool for at least 5 days and put it in a bag in the red bin)



Soft plastics e.g. shopping bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, chip packets and biscuit trays



All compostable and biodegradable bags, and packaging



Empty liquid cartons e.g. juice and milk



Aerosol cans



General waste e.g. nappies, broken toys, cups and plates



Tea bags



Damaged shoes, clothing, bedding and fabric

## Dispose for free at an EcoDrop Resource Recovery Centre

#### **Dangerous household items**

#### Find your nearest EcoDrop at ccc.govt.nz/hazardouswaste





Appliances e.g. microwaves, fridges, dryers, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, kettles, jugs, pots and pans



Tools and garden equipment

# Tips for **bin good!**

#### 1. Bin lids shut flat

Bin lids need to be shut flat to ensure collection. Items placed next to, or on the top of bins, will not be collected. The truck can't lift a bin if it's over-full, or empty a bin that's over-loaded.



## 2. Not too heavy and spaced apart

Make sure the bins are under 70kg and place them on the footpath or grass verge about 50cm apart from each other.



## 3. Put them out at the latest opportunity

Put the bins out at the latest opportunity that suits you before 6am on collection day. This can help prevent tampering. Remember to bring them in after they're emptied before 11pm.



#### 4. Identify your bin

Personalising your bins helps to identify them when they are on the street.

- Write your unit number on the bin lid or side of your bin.
- Tie a ribbon around the handle of your bin.
- Place a sticker on the back of your bin or request a replacement address sticker at ccc.govt.nz/contact-us (serial numbers needed)



#### 5. Report a missing or damaged bin

Report a missing or damaged bin within 48 hours of collection to avoid replacement costs. Phone 03 941 8999 or report online at ccc.govt.nz/mybins



#### 6. Want to change your bin size?

Want to change your green or yellow bin size? Call us on **03 941 8999** or apply online at **ccc.govt.nz/mybins** 

# Thanks for bin good!

## Want to reduce waste?

For more waste tips, check out our website or download the Christchurch Bins app.

ccc.govt.nz/bingood



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