



# Bin good Guide

to reduce waste

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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

 Collected weekly



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.

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

 Collected every two weeks



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

Put food and garden waste in your green organics bin.

## Remember:

Ash goes in the red bin.  
Let it cool for 5 days.



Fruit, vegetables,  
food scraps



Fish 'n' chip wrappers, pizza boxes, kitchen paper towels, shredded paper, serviettes



Leftover meat, bones,  
shellfish, fish



Bread, pastries,  
baked goods



Cut flowers,  
cuttings, pruned branches



Garden waste  
(excluding flax and  
cabbage tree leaves)



Coffee grinds, tea bags



Cheese, eggs, butter



Leaves

# I bin good at recycling

Put the items below in  
your yellow recycling bin.

## Remember:

Give your bottles, tins,  
cans and containers  
a rinse, make sure  
they are loose, not  
squashed and put lids  
in the red bin.



Flattened cardboard  
and egg cartons  
(no smaller than a standard envelope)



Aluminum cans  
(don't squash)



Clear and coloured glass  
bottles, jars  
(lids in the red bin)



Metal tins  
(Don't squash and put lids in the red bin)



Plastic containers  
numbered 1, 2 and 5  
(3L and under, no smaller than a yoghurt  
pottle, don't squash and lids in the red bin)



Aerosol cans, deodorant,  
fly spray, air freshener



Paper e.g. envelopes,  
magazines, brochures  
(no smaller than a standard envelope)



Plastic bottles  
numbered 1, 2 and 5  
(no smaller than a yoghurt  
pottle, don't squash and lids in the red bin)



Empty cleaning containers  
numbered 1, 2 and 5  
(lids in the red bin)

# I bin good with rubbish

Put general rubbish and also these 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**.



Plastic items smaller than a yoghurt pottle, all lids, loyalty cards, coat hangers, garden pots



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



All compostable and biodegradable bags and packaging



Damaged shoes, clothing, bedding, fabric



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



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



Timber offcuts, flax, cabbage tree leaves



Empty liquid cartons e.g. juice, dairy, coconut milk, almond milk, custard



Nappies, animal waste, cat litter

# Dispose for free at an EcoDrop recycling centre

## Dangerous household items

Find your nearest EcoDrop at [ccc.govt.nz/hazardouswaste](http://ccc.govt.nz/hazardouswaste)



Vehicle batteries



Unwanted, unused or old household liquid chemicals, cleaners, dry chemicals



Old or expired household fire extinguishers



Camping gas canisters, helium bottles, gas bottles



Unwanted, unused or old paints, solvents



Unwanted, unused or old oil e.g. vehicle oil, cooking oil

## Broken and unwanted household items



Appliances e.g. microwaves, fridges, dryers, washing machines



Tools, garden equipment



Small appliances e.g. kettles, jugs, pots, pans

# 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 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 last 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 collected before 11pm.



## 4. Identify your bin

Personalising your bins help 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.



## 5. Report a missing bin

Report a missing bin within 24 hours of collection to avoid replacement costs. Phone 03 941 8999 or report online at [ccc.govt.nz/mybin](http://ccc.govt.nz/mybin)



## 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](http://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.

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## And remember:

Takeaway cups and containers go in the red bin!

