

NEW

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 ccc.govt.nz/kerbside-changes



Bin good Guide

to reduce waste

ccc.govt.nz/bingood

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Christchurch
City Council 

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

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

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Most Kiwis can now put the same items in their organics bin.

Find out more at ccc.govt.nz/kerbside-changes



Fruit, vegetables,
food scraps



Grains, pasta and rice



Leftover meat, bones,
shellfish, fish



Bread, pastries,
baked goods



Cut flowers,
cuttings, pruned branches



Garden waste
(excluding flax and
cabbage tree leaves)



Coffee beans, grinds
and loose tea leaves



Cheese, eggs, butter



Leaves

I bin good at recycling

Only put the items below in your yellow recycling bin.

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Empty pizza boxes
(food scraps removed)



Food and drink tins and cans
(Don't squash and put lids in the red bin)



Clear and coloured glass bottles, jars



Clear plastic meat trays
numbered 1, 2 and 5



Plastic containers
numbered 1, 2 and 5
(larger than a yoghurt pottle
smaller than 4 litres)



Flattened cardboard
and egg cartons



Paper e.g. envelopes,
magazines, brochures larger
than a standard envelope



Plastic bottles
numbered 1, 2 and 5
(larger than a yoghurt pottle,
smaller than 4 litres)



Empty cleaning containers
numbered 1, 2 and 5
(larger than a yoghurt pottle,
smaller than 4 litres)

Remember: Give your bottles, tins, cans and containers a rinse, make sure they are loose, not squashed and put 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**.



All lids and plastic items smaller than a yoghurt pottle



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



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Aerosol cans



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Shredded paper, paper towels and food soiled cardboard.



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



Timber offcuts, flax, cabbage tree leaves



All compostable and biodegradable bags, and packaging



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Tea bags



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



Empty liquid cartons e.g. juice and milk



Damaged shoes, clothing, bedding, fabric

Dispose for free at an EcoDrop recycling centre

Dangerous household items

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



All vehicle, tool and household 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, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, kettles, jugs, pots and pans



Tools, 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 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 emptied 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 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



And remember:

All takeaway cups and containers go in the red bin!

