

What to do with unwanted items

Rotorua Lakes Council Waste Directory

A silhouette illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there is a grassy bank on the left. A body of water, likely a lake, stretches across the middle ground. On the right side, there are several trees, including a prominent one with a large, spiky canopy. The background shows a low horizon line under a light sky.

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| Aerosol cans (household spray cans) | Empty | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag or landfill drop off | Ensure can is empty and has not contained hazardous product |
| | Not empty | Hazardous waste | Hazardous waste services | Contact for advice |
| Agricultural chemicals and containers | | Hazardous waste | 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 and trays | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Some metal recyclers may accept aluminium foil for recycling |
| Animal waste – dog poo, cat poo | | Compost | Home compost in ground, separately to other food and garden waste Red lid bin or red bag | More information can be found here: compostcollective.org.nz/composting-dog-poo |
| Appliances – small (e.g. toasters, kettles, handheld appliances) | Working condition | Landfill | Second hand shops | You may be able to return your appliance to the purchasing store but the product may end up in landfill without attempt at repair, ask where returned/replaced goods go at the store. Volunteers at Rotorua Repair Café may be able to fix or advise on your item. Email rotoruarepaircafe@gmail.com for more information |
| | Not working | Donate Repair | Electronic repair stores, appliance outlets, Repair Cafe | |
| | Broken, not able to be repaired | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | |
| Asbestos | Triple wrapped | Hazardous waste | Licensed asbestos removal service | Asbestos disposal has specific requirements for material preparation and contractor protection. Please do not take this to the landfill transfer station and do not put in any kerbside bins |

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| Ash (wood) | Untreated wood | Compost | Home compost or garden | Small amounts of ash can be added in layers to your compost or sprinkled over garden soils |
| | Cold | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Do not put hot ash into your kerbside bin |
| Baby food pouches | Empty, clean | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins | Wash out well, leave lid and spout on. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling www.recycling.kiwi.nz |
| 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; classified as a pest |
| Batteries (household e.g. AA, AAA etc) | Expired but intact, not damaged or leaking | Hazardous waste | Recycling Centre or Bunnings - battery collection boxes | Avoid stock piling batteries and do not put these in your kerbside bins. Collection boxes may become unavailable at times as liners are swapped over and replenished. If unavailable, hold onto your batteries and try again soon. Tape over terminals before putting in box |
| | Damaged, leaking | Hazardous waste | Hazardous waste services | |
| Batteries (lead acid e-bike, e-scooter) | | Hazardous waste | Landfill drop-off, Hamiora Place transfer station | Please declare to weighbridge on arrival |
| Batteries (of rechargeable tools & appliances) | | Hazardous waste | Recycling Centre - battery collection box | |
| Batteries (vehicle) | End of life, unable to be recharged | Hazardous waste | Recycling Centre - e-waste, metal recyclers, battery stores e.g. Repco, Battery Zone, Supercheap Auto | 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 |
| Battery embedded devices (e.g. vapes, headphones, electric toothbrush handles) | | Hazardous waste | Recycling Centre - battery collection box | Do not put these in kerbside bins as they can spark or ignite when compacted in trucks or machinery. Collection boxes may become unavailable at times as liners are swapped over and replenished. If unavailable, hold onto your devices and try again soon |
| Bikes | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | Many bike stores offer maintenance and repair services. Volunteers at Rotorua Repair Café may be able to fix or advise on your item. Email rotoruarepaircafe@gmail.com for more information |
| | Not working | Repair | Bike stores, Repair Cafe | |
| | 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 | | Reduce | Opt for unpackaged goods where possible. Take reusable containers and bags to stores, services and events where you may end up having something to take away | Biodegradable plastics and packaging cannot 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 |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Blister packs | Empty | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Books | Sellable condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Remove any plastic covers, put these parts in red landfill bin |
| | Poor condition, not able to be reused | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Bread bags | Empty, clean | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins | Soft plastics cannot go into kerbside recycling. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling www.recycling.kiwi.nz |
| 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 before placing in red bag or red landfill bin |
| Bubble wrap | Reusable condition | Reuse | Avoid popping the bubbles, continue to use for intended purpose until no longer functional | Soft plastics cannot go into kerbside recycling. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins | |
| | Large quantities | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Butter wrapping | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Cannot go into kerbside recycling because of its grease resistant coating |
| Cabbage tree leaves | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Cannot be disposed as green waste because it is extremely strong and damages processing machinery |
| Cardboard | Clean, flattened | Reuse | Cardboard can be used for many things, boxes can be flattened for easy storage | Remove excess plastic tape, windows and staples |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |

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| Carpet | Sellable condition, usable size | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | 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) | Scrap metal dealers | Scrap 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) | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | Must be within safety dates, not expired |
| | Expired | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre - car seat collection cage | \$10 recycling fee per seat (Council subsidises rest of the \$35 fee), pay on site. SeatSmart break down seats for recycling of materials |
| Cat litter | | Reduce | Toilet train pets to use outside spaces | Cat litter is often made of bentonite clay or a silica based material and is not able to be recycled |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Cellophane | Not able to be re-used | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Cellophane cannot be accepted in existing programmes for soft plastics |
| Cell phones | Broken, not able to be re-used | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre - e-waste, Re:Mobile drop off points | Complete factory reset first, remove sim card, leave battery in phone, switch phone off. For more information on Re:Mobile see remobile.org.nz |
| Ceramics, crockery, porcelain | Broken | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Cleaning products | | Reduce | Avoid 'overcleaning', sometimes a wet cloth will suffice. There are a number of options with minimal or reusable packaging. Look online for recipes to make your own from less problematic materials | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Small amounts (less than 20 litres) of household cleaning product waste or residue can be accepted for landfill, declare at weigh bridge. A licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted for larger amounts |

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| Clothing, shoes and accessories | | 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, swap with friends and family to keep your wardrobe fresh | |
| | Sellable condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | Check with second hand shops before donating as they are not always able to accept these |
| | Torn, damaged | Repair | Repair Cafe | Volunteers at Rotorua Repair Café may be able to fix or advise on your item. Email rotoruarepaircafe@gmail.com for more information |
| | Poor condition | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Coffee capsules | | Other | Product stewardship programmes, e.g. Terracycle | For more information on Terracycle collection schemes, see www.terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| Coffee cups (disposable) | | Reduce | Dine in instead or take your own reusable cup. Some cafés may have swap or borrow schemes you can use | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Coffee cups cannot go into kerbside recycling as most will have a plastic inner lining |
| 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 | Compost | Home compost with caution | 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 | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, Recycle A Device | 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 | Repair | Computer services, Repair Cafe | Many computer stores offer or can refer to maintenance and repair services. Volunteers at Rotorua Repair Café may be able to fix or advise on your item. Email rotoruarepaircafe@gmail.com for more information |
| | End of life, not functional | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre - e-waste, Noel Leeming | Place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre. E-waste recycling charges may apply, pay fee on site. E-waste is dismantled for recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Concrete waste | Clean concrete/asphalt | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | Reduced landfill fees, place at designated concrete area. Concrete waste can be crushed and used in site maintenance and other purposes |
| Cookware (metal pots, pans, small utensils) | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | 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 | Scrap dealers may pay for larger quantities |
| Corflute signage | | Reuse | Print new posters on paper and stick to an old corflute backing, or use for other projects | Although corflute is made from a recyclable plastic type (PP #5), it is not able to be recycled through kerbside collection services and there are no specialised recycling collections available at this time |
| | Damaged, not able to be re-used or re-purposed | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Cosmetics (partly used) | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Cosmetics are generally 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, remove lids for landfill |
| | | Other | Product stewardship programmes, e.g. Terracycle | For more information on Terracycle collection schemes, see terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| Curtains | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops or Curtain Bank | |
| | Torn, poor condition | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |



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| Deceased animals | | Other | Home burial, professional pet cremation, vet services | 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 | | Hazardous waste | Licensed hazardous waste provider | Diesel cannot go into your kerbside bins and is not accepted at landfill transfer stations |
| Disposable nappies | | Reduce | Try reusable, even if just to replace disposables when at home | Reusable nappies now come in a range of different types, most with domes for easy dressing and removal |
| | | 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 - e-waste, 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 | Compost | Home compost | |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Fast food packaging and containers (cardboard) | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Though these are cardboard they may have a plastic lining to stop grease from leaking through |
| Fire extinguishers | | Hazardous waste | Licensed hazardous waste provider | Do not put in any kerbside bins. These pose serious safety risks to collection crews and landfill operations |
| Flax | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | Flax cannot be disposed as green waste because it is extremely strong and damages processing machines |

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| Food scraps | | Reduce | Plan meals carefully, store leftovers safely and eat before they spoil | For more information and tips, see www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz |
| | | Compost | 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 (coming soon) |
| Fridges | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | Not working | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre, transfer stations or landfill drop-off | Degassing fee at Recycling Centre \$25 (Council subsidises rest of \$40 - \$60 fee) |
| Furniture | Working condition | Reuse | Refresh dated furniture with a coat of paint or change of upholstery | |
| | | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | Damaged, broken | Repair | Repair Cafe | Volunteers at Rotorua Repair Café may be able to fix or advise on your item. Email rotoruarepaircafe@gmail.com for more information |
| | Not able to be repaired | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| Gas bottles (LPG) | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or landfill drop-off | Degassing fee may apply, pay fee on site. 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 | Reuse | Gift bags can be reused many times, fold carefully and stash away until the next celebration event | |
| | Not able to be re-used | 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 | Jars in good condition may be able to be donated to second hand stores |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Blue kerbside crate, Recycling Centre, landfill or transfer station glass recycling bins | Remove corks and lids. 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 | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Damaged, broken | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | Wrap carefully before placing in red bag or red bin |
| 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 | | Compost | 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 |
| Garden waste | | Compost | Home compost | |
| | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Landfill or transfer stations – green waste drop-off | Reduced landfill fees for green waste recycling |
| Hazardous chemicals | | Hazardous waste | Licensed hazardous waste provider | These cannot go into your kerbside bins and most are not accepted at the landfill |
| Heaters | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre - e-waste | Place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre. E-waste recycling charges may apply, pay fee on site. E-waste is dismantled for recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Hoses, plastic tubing | Not functional | 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 | Intact but not working | 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 |

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| 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 and remove any cling film |
| Medical waste (e.g. needles, syringes, sharps) | | Hazardous waste | Health services | Drop to a pharmacist for safe disposal |
| Medications | Un-used, expired | Reduce | Avoid stock piling medications unnecessarily – they could expire before you are able to use them | |
| | | Hazardous waste | Health services | Drop to a pharmacist for safe disposal |
| Metal waste (scrap metal) | | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations – scrap metal bins, scrap metal dealers | There may be charges for some items e.g. white ware at the recycle centre. Dealers may pay for larger quantities |
| Microwaves | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Recycling Centre | Place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre. E-waste recycling charges may apply, pay fee on site. E-waste is dismantled for recovery, some material may still go to landfill |
| Milk bottle lids | Clean | Recycle (other – not kerbside) | Precious Plastics – a Rotorua collection point is available at Brown Owl Organics, 1168 Amohia Street | These lids should not go into kerbside recycling as they are too small for processing via these services |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Mirror glass | Broken | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop off | Cannot be recycled with bottles and glass as is a different glass composition |
| Oil (waste car oil) | | Hazardous waste | Landfill drop-off (small quantities), licensed hazardous waste service | Small household amounts of waste oil (less than 20 litres) can be taken to landfill, declare at weigh bridge. For larger amounts, a licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted for larger amounts. This cannot go into kerbside bins |

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| Oil (cooking) | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Cool and dispose in landfill bin, do not drain into sink |
| Paint | | Hazardous waste | Landfill drop-off (small quantities), licensed hazardous waste service | A small amount (less than 20 litres) can be taken to landfill, declare at weighbridge. A licensed hazardous waste provider will need to be contacted for larger amounts. Some major paint suppliers may accept old paint |
| Paint buckets - metal | Clean, metal | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre or transfer stations - scrap metal bins, scrap metal dealers | |
| Paint buckets - plastic | Clean, empty | Reuse | Some paint buckets are well suited to a home-made bokashi bin for anaerobic composting | More information can be found on the Compost Collective website: www.compostcollective.org.nz/bokashi Paint suppliers may receive for recycling (e.g. Resene Colourshops), even with paint remaining. There may be a charge, ask in store |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Paint services | |
| Pallets - plastic | Broken, damaged | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | |
| Pallets - wood | Intact, reusable condition | Reuse | Use for pallet gardens or building projects or donate via online markets | |
| | Broken, damaged | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | 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 in recycling bin, small pieces may blow away during transport or storage, and miss out on being recycled. Shredded paper should not be put into recycling bins |
| Petrol | | Hazardous waste | Licensed hazardous waste service | Petrol cannot go into your kerbside bins and is not accepted at landfill transfer stations |
| 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 | |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Mitre 10 stores, plant pot collection boxes | Plant pots should not be placed into kerbside recycling bins |

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| Plastic bags (including plastic bags labelled as #2) | Clean, empty | Reduce | Take reusable bags to stores, services and events where you may end up having something to take away | Soft plastics cannot go into kerbside recycling. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling www.recycling.kiwi.nz |
| | | Reuse | Wash and reuse | |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Plastic bottles and containers - number 1, 2 or 5 | Clean, empty | Reduce | Opt for unpackaged goods where possible or look for options with paper or cardboard packaging | Remove all lids and caps where these can be removed |
| | | Reuse | Wash and use sturdy containers for storage | |
| | | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | |
| Plastic wrap | Clean, empty | Reduce | Opt for unpackaged goods where possible or look for options with paper or cardboard packaging | Soft plastics cannot go into kerbside recycling. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling www.recycling.kiwi.nz |
| | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Plastic bottles, containers, packaging and items - number 3, 6, or 7 | | Reduce | Look for alternatives to prevent purchase of these hard-to-recycle plastics as often as possible. Avoid unnecessary product purchases | These cannot go into kerbside recycling collections |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |
| Plastic plates and cutlery | | Reduce | Use reusable crockery instead | These 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 (other – not kerbside) | Mitre 10 stores, Expol collection box | Processing capacity is limited for the recycling of polystyrene, so some collections need to be restricted |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag or landfill drop off | Polystyrene 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 - e-waste, Noel Leeming | Place at designated e-waste area at Recycling Centre. E-waste recycling charges may apply, pay fee on site. E-waste is dismantled for 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 | Other | 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 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, scrap metal dealers | There may be charges for some items e.g. white ware at the recycling centre. Scrap dealers may pay for larger quantities |

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| Scrap vehicles | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Scrap metal dealers | Scrap 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 | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre - battery collection box | |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | Though these contain some radioactive material, these can be disposed of in landfill |
| Stationery items, pens | Not working | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Soil, dirt | | Donate | Online markets | People will often be keen to receive dirt or soil for their yards |
| | | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | Soil and dirt and not accepted as green waste due to a high risk of contamination |
| Televisions | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | Not working | Repair | Electronic repair stores | 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 |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre - e-waste | 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 |
| Tetra Pak and other food or drink cartons (e.g. milk and juice cartons) | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Cartons can be couriered directly to saveBOARD | These should not go into kerbside recycling bins. There is no Rotorua collection available for these at this stage - cartons must be appropriately prepared before sending (open, washed and dried) - for more information see website www.saveboard.nz/drop-off-cartons |
| | | Landfill | Red lid bin or red bag | |
| Tin/steel cans | | Reuse | Wash and use for storage e.g. screws, pens, stickers, other small items | |
| | Clean, empty | Recycle kerbside | Yellow lid bin, Recycling Centre, recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations | Keep lids attached to can or place lid inside and squash can top together to trap in place |
| Tools - manual or battery/power operated (battery removed) | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Not working | Repair | Electronic repair stores | 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 |
| | Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | |

| ITEM | STATE | PATHWAY(S) | METHODS | MORE INFO |
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| Toothpaste tubes | Empty, clean | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins, product stewardship programme e.g. Terracycle | Wash out well, leave cap on. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling www.recycling.kiwi.nz , or Terracycle www.terracycle.com/en-NZ |
| Toothbrushes, floss containers | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Product stewardship programme, 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 | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops, online markets | |
| | Not working, damaged | Repair | Repair services, Repair Cafe | Some toys are able to be repaired manually, or could be adapted and played with in a different way. 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 able to be repaired | Landfill | Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off | These items cannot go into kerbside recycling bins |
| Tyres | | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Tyre services | Leave old tyres with the tyre store when purchasing new ones. A small amount of old tyres can also be dropped in to tyre dealers for recycling. See tyrewise.co.nz for more information on tyre collection and recycling |
| Whiteware (e.g. fridges, freezers, ovens, washing machines) | Working condition | Donate | Second hand shops | |
| | Not working | Recycle (other - not kerbside) | Recycling Centre, transfer stations or landfill drop-off | Recycling (and degassing fee for fridges) \$20 - \$25 applies for whiteware recycling at Recycling Centre |
| Window and windscreen glass | | Landfill | Red lid bin or landfill drop-off | Cannot be recycled with bottles and glass as is a different glass composition |
| Wood, timber, wood waste | Untreated | Reuse | Wood scraps can be used for many things | Consider donating to a school or for firewood |
| | Treated | Landfill (other - not kerbside) | Landfill drop-off | Wood waste cannot go into kerbside bins |
| Wrapping paper | All types | 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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