

What to do with unwanted items

Rotorua Lakes Council Waste Directory



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Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

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Aerosol cans (spray cans)	Empty	Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Recycling Centre, transfer stations	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 and trays	Clean	Reuse		Some metal recyclers accept aluminium foil for recycling, this will need to be clean and scrunched into a ball
	Dirty, unable to be cleaned	Landfill	Red lid bin or red bag	
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. 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	Electronic repair stores, appliance outlets, Repair Cafe	
	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

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Ash (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; 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 (household e.g. AA, AAA etc)		Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Recycling Centre or Bunnings battery collection boxes	Avoid stock piling batteries and do not put these into your kerbside bins. Note that collection boxes may become unavailable at times as liners are swapped over and replenished. If unavailable, hold onto your batteries and try again soon
Battery embedded devices (e.g. vapes, headphones, electric toothbrush handles)	End of life, unable to be recharged	Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Recycling Centre - battery collection box	Do not put these into your kerbside bins as they can spark or ignite when compacted in trucks or machinery. Note that 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	Sellable, 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	These may be donated for retrieval of parts where possible

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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	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
		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 hard covers and binding, these parts go to landfill
	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 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	Soft plastics cannot go into kerbside recycling. For more information, see Soft Plastics Recycling
		Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins	
		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	Remove excess plastic tape, windows and staples
	Clean, flattened	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)	Contact 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)	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 \$25 of the \$35 fee), pay on site. SeatSmart break down these seats for recycling of materials
Cat litter		Avoid, reduce	Toilet train your cat 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 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	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	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
		Landfill	Red lid bin, red bag, or landfill drop-off	

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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, 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	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	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 because 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	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	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 or Noel Leeming	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	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)	Sellable, working condition	Donate	Second hand shops, online markets	Scrap 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	
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 for this 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 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	



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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	Diesel cannot go into your kerbside bins and is not accepted at the landfill
Disposable nappies		Avoid, 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 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	
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	Full, partly full	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
	Empty	Recycle (other – not kerbside)	Recycling Centre or transfer stations – scrap metal bins or take to scrap metal dealers	Scrap 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 extremely strong and damages processing machines

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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 (coming to most households July 2026)
Fridges	Sellable, 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 \$15 if required
Furniture	Sellable, 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 \$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	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, glass recycling bins at landfill or transfer stations	Remove corks and lids. No window, windscreen, mirror or crystal glassware. 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	Wrap carefully if placing in red bag
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, online markets	
	Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used	Landfill	Red lid bin or landfill drop-off	
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
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	
		Other	Drop to a pharmacist for safe disposal	
Metal waste (scrap metal)		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	Sellable, working condition	Donate	Second hand shops	
	Broken, poor condition, not able to be re-used	Recycle (other – not kerbside)	Recycling Centre	E-waste is dismantled for material 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	
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

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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		Landfill (other - not kerbside)	A small amount 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	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
		Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Some paint suppliers will receive for recycling (e.g. Resene Colourshops), even with paint remaining	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	Use for pallet gardens or building projects or donate via online markets	
	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
Petrol		Other	Contact a licensed hazardous waste provider	Petrol 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	
		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	Avoid, reduce	Take your own 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 if needed 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	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	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	Avoid, reduce	Opt for unpackaged goods wherever 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		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	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 or Noel Leeming	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	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 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. Scrap dealers may pay for larger quantities

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Scrap vehicles		Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Contact 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		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	Sellable, 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 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 items 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	Sellable, 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	

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Toothpaste tubes	Empty, clean	Recycle (other - not kerbside)	Woolworths - Soft Plastics Recycling collection bins, or dispose or recycle via 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)	Choose bamboo or other compostable products, then put these into your home compost once finished with them (remove the bristles first). Dispose or recycle via 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	Sellable, working condition	Donate	Second hand shops, online markets	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	Online markets	Tyres can be a handy resource in the garden - frame gardens, create climbing obstacles for children, advertise free to farmers
		Recycle (other - not kerbside)	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)	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
	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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