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Tips to help you get it right!

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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.

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Tip 1 | Empty pizza boxes, cardboard and paper

You can place empty pizza boxes in the recycling bin. This means that you should remove food scraps, but it's OK to leave oil in the box.



Tip 2 | Clean plastic bottles and containers #1, 2 and 5

Only clean, lidless, hard plastic bottles and containers numbered 1, 2 or 5 can go in the yellow bin. They must be larger than a yoghurt pottle or smaller than 4 litres. Don't squash these or put them into bags.



Tip 3 | Food and drink tins and cans

Food and drink tins and cans are the only metal items than can go in your yellow bin. Make sure they're clean (rinsed) and loose (not bagged) in the bin. You can drop off other metal items for free, including tools, kitchen pots and pans, and household appliances, at one of our three EcoDrop Recycling Centres, otherwise they must go in your red bin.

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Tip 4 | Food and garden waste

Only food and garden waste can go in your green bin. This is due to the new national standards for kerbside bins, and will help us make great quality compost. Visit ccc.govt.nz/kerbside-changes for more.

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Tip 5 | Aerosol cans

Aerosol cans go in the red bin. If they're not completely empty, aerosols can explode under pressure and cause fires at recycling facilities. Some aerosols contain poisons such as insecticides and automotive sprays. Staff at recycling facilities may be exposed to these when aerosols are damaged or crushed for baling.

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Tip 6 | Shredded paper, paper towels and food soiled cardboard

Shredded paper, paper towels and food soiled cardboard go in the red bin. For example food soiled pizza boxes, fish and chip paper, paper towels, tissues and shredded paper. From 1 February 2024 new national standards were put in place to help with how we compost in Christchurch. For more information head to ccc.govt.nz/kerbside-changes for more.

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Tip 7 | Tea bags

Tea bags also go in the red bin.



Tip 8 | All bags, packets and wrappers

Soft plastics go in the red bin. This is any plastic you can easily scrunch or bend – plastic bags, cling film, courier bags, bubble wrap, chip packets, frozen food bags, biscuit trays, sushi trays, bread bags, chocolate bar wrappers and plastic ties.



Tip 9 | All lids

Bottle tops and lids of ANY size or material go in the red bin. They're too small or flat to be separated by machinery at recycling plants, and will contaminate the recycling if they go in the yellow bin.



Tip 10 | All biodegradable and compostable packaging

Compostable packaging, including biodegradable plastics and packaging products, go in the red bin. Due to a lack of national standards for compostable packaging, we cannot guarantee that these products will fully break down into plastic-free compost. While these products can't go into the green bin, they may be able to be composted at home. Otherwise they must go into the red bin.



Not sure what bin to put your item in?

Look up 100s of items with the Christchurch Bin app or use the tool on our website to find out which bin your item goes in.

ccc.govt.nz/lookupitem