

**By putting the right items in the right bins, you're helping to reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill.**

**This is especially important for your recycling bin. Our recyclable plastics and paper are sold to international and local markets, and they**

**have a low threshold for contamination. It's critical to make sure you only put in what can be accepted for recycling, or it will end up in the landfill.**

**This guide shows you the items that can go in each of the bins.**



Rubbish bins and Council bags are collected **fortnightly** on the alternate week to recycling.

Rubbish bins and bags take all the things that can't go in your yellow and green bins. By putting the right items in your red bin or rubbish bag, you're keeping the other bins free of contaminants.

Only Waimakariri District Council branded bags are accepted – others won't be collected.



Recycling bins are collected **fortnightly** on the alternate week to rubbish.

By putting the right items in your yellow bin, you're making it possible for us to recycle. This keeps costs down for ratepayers. If the wrong things go in the yellow bin, the entire truckload might have to be landfilled, instead of being recycled.



Organics bins are collected **weekly**

Your organics from the green bin get turned into compost. It's important the right stuff goes in or it could contaminate the whole truckload, and it might have to go to the landfill.

## Rethinking rubbish

It's time for us to rethink rubbish and reduce the amount we're creating, and find better ways to manage it.

The Council has two main goals when it comes to waste:

**1) We need to improve the efficiency of resource use, so less waste is created**

**2) We need to reduce the harmful effects of waste**

Our kerbside collection service is just one small step towards developing a sustainable District. We all need to think of ways to minimise our waste footprint and start composting, recycling, upcycling, reusing and reducing our consumption.

By working together, Council and the community can achieve more effective waste management and minimisation in the District.

## Using your bin...

- Bin lids shut flat – to make sure your bin is emptied, the lid needs to be shut flat. Items next to or on top of the bins won't be collected
- Not too heavy – bins have a weight limit of 70kg and rubbish bags are 15kg
- Keep it loose – be careful not to over pack your bin so the contents fall out when emptied
- Bins out the night before – bins need to be out before 7am and back in by 7pm on collection day
- Missing bins – report a missing bin within 24hrs of collection to avoid replacement costs
- Broken bins – call us if your bin has been damaged and we'll arrange for it to be repaired
- Changing bins – call us if you would like to change your bin size.
- Bin placement—space bins on the kerbside at least half a metre apart and away from letterboxes and trees.

## Find out more

About using your bins, collection reminders, missed collections, recycling tips, battery disposal and how you can reduce your waste at, [rethinkrubbish.co.nz](https://rethinkrubbish.co.nz) or phone 0800 965 468.

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**rethink  
rubbish**

Working on waste together.

**A guide to  
kerbside  
collections.**



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**Your organics bin  
is only for the  
following items...**

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organics**



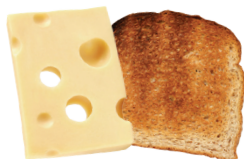
Garden waste (but not flax, cabbage tree leaves, soil or other stringy plants)



Fruit and vegetables



Food scraps including meat, bones and fish



Bread, pastries and dairy products



Coffee grinds

All materials to be  
loose in the bin –  
not in bags.

## Remember...

Recently imposed changes to standardise kerbside collections across the country mean we can't accept cardboard, paper or tea bags in the organics bin from **1 February 2024**



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## Your recycling bin is only for the following clean items...

**rethink  
recycling**



Rigid plastic bottles and containers numbered



Lids in the rubbish.  
Items must be larger than a small yoghurt pottle and no bigger than 4L



Clean cardboard



Paper, magazines and brochures



Aluminium cans and tins



Glass bottles and jars—  
lids in the rubbish

We don't take  
soft plastics,  
drink cartons,  
milk cartons or  
batteries.

### Remember...

- Ensure all items are loose—not in bags
- There's no need to squash them
- Lids off—lids of any kind go in the rubbish
- Empty and rinse all containers, bottles, jars and cans
- The plastic type can usually be found on the bottom of the container
- Paper and cardboard must be larger than 140mm x 100mm

Check the sticker under your bin lid to see what can and can't go inside.

**Your rubbish bin  
is only for general  
rubbish like...**

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rubbish**



Nappies



tea bags



Food soiled cardboard  
and paper, paper towels  
and serviettes



Takeaway cups, compostable  
and biodegradable bags  
and packaging



Timber off-cuts,  
flax, cabbage tree and  
stringy plants.



Animal waste, Cold ash  
(let it cool for at least 5 days  
and tie in a bag)



Plastic items smaller than  
a yoghurt pottle or larger  
than 4 litres, all lids, coat  
hangers, garden pots



Scrunchable plastics like  
bubble wrap, biscuit trays,  
food packets, shopping bags  
and cling film



Empty liquid/long-life  
drink cartons like soy or  
almond milk, stock,  
yoghurt or custard



Household waste like  
broken toys, cups, plates



Damaged shoes, clothing,  
bedding fabric

**We don't take  
hazardous or toxic  
waste, liquids,  
explosives, gas  
canisters or  
batteries.**

