

# RED BIN - LANDFILL

These Guidelines apply to Akaroa Harbour and Outer Bays' Residents.  
Inquiries to Christchurch City Council Free Ph: 0800 800 169

In the **RED BIN** put all regular household waste including:

- Aluminium foil (tin foil, trays)
- Batteries, domestic (AA, AAA, C, D, cell batteries, alkaline cell, lithium, 9-volt) **OR** these batteries can be dropped off at Lincoln New World, 77 Gerald Street, Lincoln OR Bunnings, Tower Junction OR Mitre 10 Mega Papanui OR Countdown Ferrymead OR any one of the three Ecodrop Centres but please do not put in the yellow recycling bin
- Buckets, plastic (over 2 litre buckets, sand buckets)
- Ceramics (crockery, cups, vases, mugs, plates. If broken please wrap before placing in bin.)
- Cigarettes, butts
- Cling film – Glad Wrap – plastic wrap
- Clothing that cannot be reused or repurposed. (Clean reusable clothing can be donated to L'Op Shoppe\*). The clothing recycling bin behind the Presbyterian Church has been removed.
- Coat hangers (plastic and wooden)
- Coffee cups, disposable or takeaway including biodegradable. (Takeaway coffee cups including biodegradable are not recyclable in NZ)
- Coffee bags, Robert Harris, Hummingbird (tin foil-looking but not recyclable)
- Cosmetics, old lipsticks, small bottles, mascara
- Dialysis tubing and bags (double bag before placing in rubbish bin)
- DVDs, CDs, cases
- Flax and cabbage tree leaves (these can cause damage to shredder at the composting facility)
- Gardening pots, plastic (Investigate whether they can be reused or donated to a community garden).
- Glass – jugs, wine glasses, mirrors, lightbulbs, window or window screen glass, eco lightbulbs. These items are not recyclable (Please wrap if broken before disposal)
- Home décor, rugs, homeware (If acceptable for resale, take to charity shop otherwise dispose in red bin)
- Hose, garden
- Human or Animal body waste, faeces, animal waste, kitty litter, cat litter (wrap first)
- **LIDS** all lids (including tins). **HOWEVER**, wine bottle tops and beer bottle tops are being collected for charity at the Rue Brittan, Akaroa Recycling Depot, some bays' miniskips and at the Barrys Bay Transfer Station, so separate these out first.
- Liquid cartons, or Tetra Pak cartons e.g. coconut water cartons, juice cartons, almond and soy milk etc. (This is because the lining that allows them to hold liquid is unable to be recycled like other cardboard products and the automated processing facility is unable to separate them.)
- Metal, building materials, reinforcing, small quantity that can fit into a bucket. (For larger quantities take to transfer station or to scrap metal dealer.)
- Nappies, baby and adult
- Paint, empty tins only – see below for tins containing paint
- Pens, pencil, felts, crayons, chalk, permanent markers, sharpies, paint brushes and art paint tubes.

- Personal hygiene – sanitary, hygiene products, panty liners, wet wipes.
- Plastic strapping, ties, rope, cord
- Plastic shopping bags, including biodegradable and compostable. **ALTERNATIVELY AND PREFERABLY** these can be deposited in the Soft Plastic Recycling Bin at major Christchurch Supermarkets (e.g. New World, Pak 'n' Save, Countdown, Fresh Choice)
- Polystyrene including polystyrene meat trays, packaging
- Seat belts
- Shoes, all types of footwear from jandals to boots (consider donating to Charity Shop or L'Op Shoppe\*)
- Smoke detectors, smoke and house alarms.
- Soft plastics (i.e. can be 'scrunched'). The supermarket collection points are temporarily suspended while markets are being sourced.
- Soil, clean fill, potting mix, dirt (small quantity, fit into bucket)
- Storage containers, home organisers, boxes and baskets
- Takeaway food containers (many 'compostable' and 'eco' packages contain plastic and go in red bin). Pizza boxes can go into the **GREEN WASTE BIN** – remove any plastic.
- Timber, off-cuts, treated timber, sawdust, timber trellising, building materials, small quantity only that can fit into a bucket
- Toys
- Vacuum dust
- VHS Tapes
- Wire, florist wire, fencing wire, small quantity (large bales may be reused)

**Barrys Bay Transfer Station** – 102 Onawe Flat Road in Barrys Bay. **Hours:** Summer (daylight saving): Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday midday to 4pm. Winter: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday midday to 4pm. Open on public holidays except Xmas, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day.

The EcoDrop and Transfer Stations have differing hours, policies and charges.

**Christchurch** – Check CCC website for opening hours of EcoDrop and Birdlings Flat Transfer Station. Click [HERE](#) for Christchurch EcoDrop Stations information and opening times.

**Birdlings Flat Transfer Station** – 3382 Christchurch-Akaroa Road in Birdlings Flat (note: no EFTPOS). Open Saturday 9am to midday.

**Metro EcoDrop** – 42 Metro Place (off Dyers Road) in Bromley

**Parkhouse EcoDrop** – 25 Parkhouse Road (off Curletts Road) in Wigram

**Styx Mill EcoDrop** – 76 Styx Mill Road (off Main North Road) in Redwood.

**The items below can be taken to either a Transfer Station or [EcoDrop](#):**

- Batteries, vehicle, lead, acid, car, boat, truck, vehicle. Free. (No more than 20kg or 20 litres at one time).
- Electrical appliances, small, e.g. toasters, frypans, small heaters.
- Fire Extinguishers (Free. No more than 20 kg or 20 litres at one time).
- Fridges, ovens, dishwashers, microwaves (Check yellow pages for commercial recycler). Can be taken to Barrys Bay Transfer Station, charges apply.
- Fungicides (Free at EcoDrop. Free on annual Hazardous Waste Collection at Barrys Bay Transfer Station. No more than 20kg or 20 litres at one time)

- Gaming/DVD players (Free at Barrys Bay Transfer Station. If broken, place in red bin).
- Gas bottles, gas cylinders (Free disposal anytime at EcoDrop/Barrys Bay Transfer Station).
- Herbicides (Free at EcoDrop. Free on annual advertised days at Barrys Bay Transfer Station. No more than 20kg or 20 litres at one time)
- Paint (old, unusable), oil, solvents, garden sprays, cleaning products (Free at Barrys Bay Transfer Station on annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day. No more than 20kg or 20 litres at one time). Tins containing paint that can be reused can go to EcoDrop, Christchurch.
- Pesticides, rat bait, slug bait, spider spray, poison, toxic substances (Free at EcoDrop. Free on annual Hazardous Waste Collection Day at Barrys Bay Transfer Station. No more than 20kg or 20 litres at one time)
- Stones, rocks
- Tools
- Tyres (Take to local EcoDrop or Barrys Bay Transfer Station. Charges apply).

The following **CANNOT** be disposed of in the **RED BIN** OR at the EcoDrop/Transfer Stations:

Contact the **Police** for disposal of:

- Ammunition, guns.
- Flares, distress flares. (Out-of-date or time-expired flares may be taken back to marine retail outlets to dispose of appropriately or contact Police for advice. Do not incinerate old flares or put them in the RED BIN. If they ignite, they can cause serious fires. Parachute flares fired horizontally are very powerful and may cause serious injuries and burns.)

Contact **Health Providers** for disposal of:

- Sharps, needles, syringes

Contact **cell phone retailers** for disposal of:

- Cellphones (some retailers have postal or takeback schemes check [www.remobile.org.nz](http://www.remobile.org.nz))

Contact **commercial recyclers** for disposal of:

- Computer monitors, printers, TVs, whiteware (check first) not monitors or screens: Commercial recyclers who pay - Resource Recycling Woolston at 62 Chapmans Road Ph: 03 389 9515 or Metal Corp, 625 Halswell Junction Road Ph: 03 349 2780 or Ecotech Services, 139B Wordsworth Street, Spreydon Ph: 03 377 0773. There is likely to be a charge at Christchurch EcoDrop or Barrys Bay Transfer Station as rubbish.

There are several ways to reduce waste in your red bin by reusing or recycling items:

- \*Clean used clothing, shoes, belts, bags, linen, tidy books, games, toys and kitchen utensils can be donated to L'Op Shoppe, next door to Butcher's Shop, Rue Lavaud, Akaroa. Please drop off on Wednesday between 10.30am and 3.30pm. (N.B. L'Op Shoppe is staffed by volunteers. Occasionally the shop cannot be opened so please accept that this is unavoidable).
- Clean used clothing can be put in the Clothing Bin behind the Presbyterian Church, Rue Brittan, Akaroa or next to the Challenge Service Station, Little River.
- Advertise on Akaroa's Buy, Sell Exchange [Facebook Page](#).
- Sell or donate to a commercial recycler or pre-loved goods store.

# YELLOW BIN - RECYCLING

All items to be CLEAN. NO liquids or food residues.

There may be items that you feel loosely fit the categories below. Please check the **RED BIN – LANDFILL** page on this website before assuming goods will be recycled. If the item is not listed, it is not recyclable.

- Aluminum cans
- Aerosol cans (lids in **RED BIN**)
- Books at the end of their life including paperbacks. Hard covered books must have covers removed. TIDY BOOKS can be dropped off at the Bowling Club, near Recreation Ground, Akaroa for resale and fundraising or at left at L'Op Shoppe\*.
- Cardboard. (Large quantities can be dropped off at the Barrys Bay Transfer Station (Free. preferably during opening hours, see below)
- Glass bottles and jars, all colours (lids in **RED BIN**. Wine bottle tops and beer bottle tops can be recycled at the Akaroa Recycling Depot, some bays' miniskips and Barrys Bay Transfer Station. Separate out before taking to recycling collection)
- Meat trays, plastic, often blue, black or transparent (not polystyrene)
- Paper – newspaper (wrap removed – this is 'soft plastic' and can be recycled at Christchurch supermarket bins), junk mail, phone books, magazines and office paper.
- Pet bottles, lemonade, fizzy drink.
- Plastic containers, e.g. yoghurt, milk and cream containers, ice cream, shampoo, liquid soap (lids in **RED BIN**)
- Steel and metal cans (lids in **RED BIN**)

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See **RED BIN** page for details of EcoDrop.

**SOFT PLASTICS** cannot be dropped off at the major Christchurch supermarkets as this collection is temporarily suspended awaiting the sourcing of markets. In the meantime they go in the **RED BIN**. Soft plastics means plastic that can be scrunched including snap lock bags, chip packets, biscuit packets, plastic supermarket check-out bags.

**PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS** (including biodegradable and compostable) can be included in the soft plastic bins for recycling at the large Christchurch city supermarkets. **DO NOT PUT IN YELLOW OR GREEN BIN.** The majority of 'compostable' bags available are not compostable at the CCC organics processing plant because they don't break down within the three-month processing time frame.

- **\*L'Op Shoppe:** Clean used clothing, shoes, belts, bags, linen, tidy books, games, toys and kitchen utensils can be donated to L'Op Shoppe. Please drop off on Wednesday between 10.30am and 3.30pm. (N.B. L'Op Shoppe is staffed by volunteers. Occasionally the shop cannot be opened so please accept that this is unavoidable).

# GREEN WASTE BIN

If items are not listed below, they are not acceptable.

The following is acceptable in the **GREEN WASTE BIN**:

- Bones, all
- Bread products, including donuts, pastries, croissants, flour, no wrapping
- Dairy products ranging from yoghurt to hard cheeses, no wrapping
- Fruit, – all types of fruit in any stage of decomposition and any part of the fruit
- Fur, human hair, pet hair
- Cooked and uncooked meat products including bones, fat and skin
- Food soiled paper, fish and chip paper, serviettes, kitchen paper towels, pizza boxes. Food waste to be wrapped in newspaper before being placed in bin. No plastic wrapping.
- Leaves
- Plant pots made from natural organic materials
- Sea shells
- Tea bags, coffee grinds
- Vegetables, any part and in any stage of decomposition
- Vegetation, branches up to the thickness of a man's thumb, weeds, cuttings, grass clippings. Large offcuts from trees can be dropped off as green waste at the nearest transfer station.

**NOTE:** Excludes cabbage tree leaves and flax leaves.

See **RED BIN** page for Transfer Station hours.