

RUBBISH - RED BIN

These Guidelines apply to Akaroa Harbour, Outer Bays'
and Little River Residents
Inquiries to Christchurch City Council Free Ph: 0800 800 169
or refer to: www.ccc.govt.nz/bingood

If you are unsure which bin to use a full list can be found on the

Christchurch Wheelie Bins App.

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.
- Ashes (causes arsenic contaminant if put in green bin after cooling for five days)
- Biscuit packaging
- Broken cups, plates, toys.
- Bubble wrap
- 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* or the clothing bin beside the Challenge Little River).
- 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.
- Courier bags
- Damaged shoes, clothing, bedding, fabric.
- 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 light bulbs. 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, custard 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 biscuit packaging.
- Plastic broken toys, telephones, old storage containers.
- **Plastic containers with numbers 3, 4, 6 and 7.**
- Plastic items smaller than a yoghurt pottle, lids, loyalty cards, coat hangers, garden pots.
- Plastic shopping bags, including biodegradable and compostable.
- Plastic strapping, ties, rope, cord.
- Polystyrene including polystyrene meat trays, packaging
- Soft plastics i.e. plastic that can be scrunched e.g. bread bags, soft wrappers.
- Seat belts
- Shoes, all types of footwear from jandals to boots (if undamaged consider donating to Charity Shop or L'Op Shoppe*)
- Smoke detectors, smoke and house alarms.
- Soft plastics (i.e. can be 'scrunched') e.g. bubble wrap, shopping bags, shrink wrap, chip packets.
- 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 BIN** – remove any plastic.
- Timber, off-cuts, treated timber, sawdust, timber trellising, building materials, small quantity only that can fit into a bucket
- 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, old or expired (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, cylinders, cannisters, helium bottles (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)

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.
- Clothing bin 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.

***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).

RECYCLING - YELLOW BIN

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, flattened and egg cartons. Large quantities can be dropped off at the Barrys Bay Transfer Station (Free. preferably during opening hours, see below)
- Glass bottles and jars, clear and coloured – clean (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, (not polystyrene) **Numbers 1, 2 and 5 only**
- Paper – newspaper, junk mail, phone books, magazines (plastic wrap removed) and office paper.
- Pet bottles, lemonade, fizzy drink.
- Plastic containers, **Numbers 1, 2 and 5 only** e.g. yoghurt, milk and cream containers, ice cream, shampoo, liquid soap (lids in **RED BIN**)
- Steel and metal tins (lids in **RED BIN**)

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

ORGANICS – GREEN BIN

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

- Bones, leftover meat, fish, shellfish
- Bread products, donuts, pastries, croissants, flour, no wrapping
- Cheese, eggs, butter
- Coffee grounds
- Cut flowers
- 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
- 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
- Leftover meat, bones, shellfish, fish
- Plant pots made from natural organic materials
- Pruned branches, cuttings
- Sea shells
- Tea bags
- 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: No cabbage tree leaves and flax leaves.

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