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Waste system policy updates

Overview of the new waste strategy, waste legislation, and changes at the kerbside



The webinar will begin at 10am, 18 April 2023

Karakia timatatanga

Tuia i runga,

Tuia i raro,

Tuia i roto,

Tuia i waho

Tuia i te here tangata

Ka rongo te pō

Ka rongo te ao

Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē!

Let us connect to the heavens above

Let us connect to the earth below

Let us connect within

Let us connect externally

Let us connect to the essence of humanity

Exploring the unknown (night) connection

Realising the potential (day) of connection

Uniting as one, Uniting!

Today's session

A new era for New
Zealand's waste system

- New waste strategy and legislation
- Kerbside changes
- Q&A time

Webinar housekeeping

- If you would like to ask a question, please type it into the **Q&A panel** at the bottom of your screen.
- The chat box is only for technical questions (eg, if you can't hear the presenter).
- This webinar will be **recorded** so those who can't attend the session today can view it and the **Powerpoint slides** on our website.
- For any questions after the session, email transformingrecycling@mfe.govt.nz

Te rautaki para Waste strategy

Getting rid of waste for a circular Aotearoa New Zealand



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Vision

By 2050, Aotearoa New Zealand is a low-emissions, low-waste society,
built upon a circular economy.

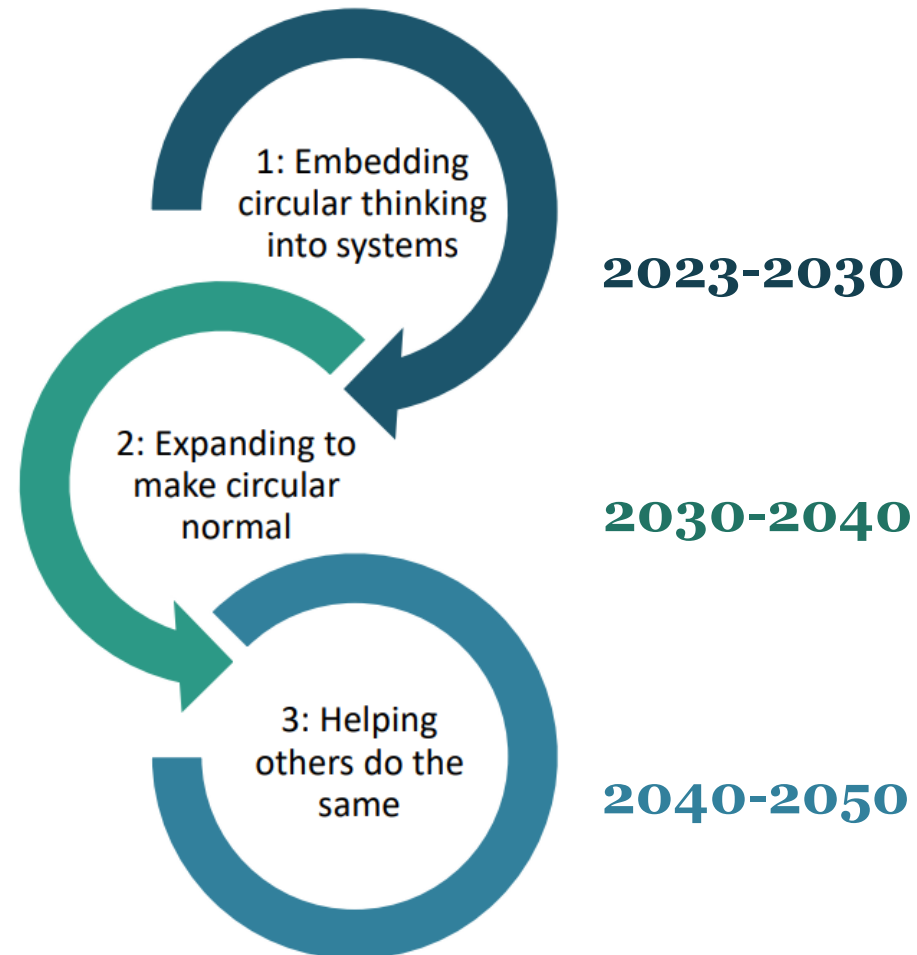
We cherish our inseparable connection with the natural
environment, and look after the planet's finite resources with care and
responsibility.

Circular economy



Source: Ellen MacArthur Foundation Explaining the circular economy – rethinking progress

Implementation phases



Phase 1 2023-2030

- Targets, goals and priorities
- What this might look like in practice
- How we will evaluate our progress



Waste Action & Investment Plan

The action and investment plan will guide how the strategy is translated into action

It will outline:

- the immediate priorities for the next five-year period, across different geographical areas, communities, material streams, and risk areas
- a mix of regulatory, investment, infrastructure, system and behavioural change and other actions planned to address priorities
- the sequence of actions and how they fit together.

How you can play a part

- Avoid waste and reduce what you consume
- Embrace new recycling and reuse systems
- Use your power as a consumer
- Hire or borrow something you won't use often
- Learn how and where to get things repaired

Legislation

- Why we need it
- Update on progress
- What's next?





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Changes at the kerbside

Standard materials, food scraps and recycling collections
for urban households and performance standards



Why are kerbside changes needed?

Greenhouse gas emissions

Food waste sent to landfill

Hard to know what can and can't
be recycled

High recycling contamination
rates

Recyclable items mistakenly sent
to landfill



Kerbside standard materials

From February 2024, all district and city councils are to accept only these materials in their recycling collections:

- glass bottles and jars
- paper and cardboard (including pizza boxes)
- plastic bottles and containers marked with recycling symbols 1, 2, and 5
- aluminium and steel tins and cans.

Further details will be provided in the forthcoming regulations and guidance documents.

Materials for kerbside collection:



Glass bottles and jars



Paper and cardboard



Plastic bottles and containers
1, 2, and 5



Aluminium and
steel tins and cans

Food scraps collections in urban areas

By 2030, all district and city councils are to provide food scraps (or food and garden waste) collections to households in urban areas of 1000 people or more.

Councils with organics processing facilities nearby provide a food waste service **by 2027**.

Once councils start collecting food scraps (or food and garden waste), these services must only collect food scraps and garden waste.



Recycling collections in urban areas

By 2027, all district and city councils are to provide recycling collections to households in urban areas of 1000 people or more.

Only 7 councils will have to establish new services.

There are 3 councils that will have to start accepting glass in their recycling collections.

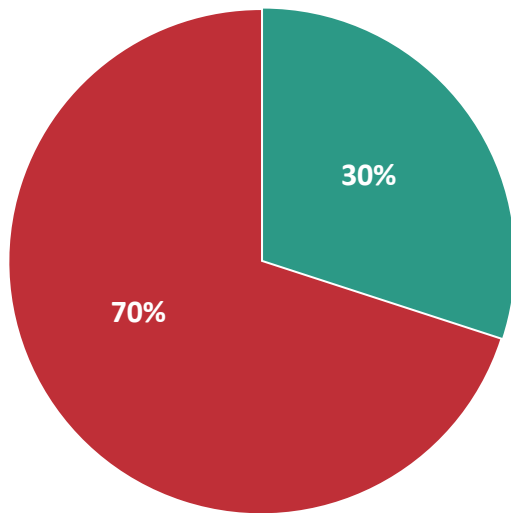


Performance standards

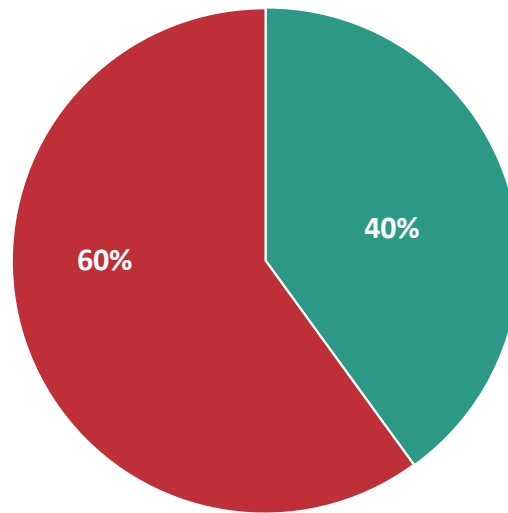
All district and city councils will have performance standards for the amount of household kerbside waste diverted from landfill.

The performance standard will increase over time:

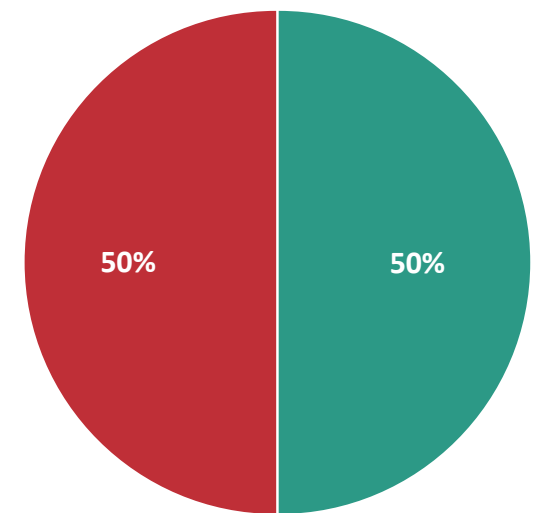
2026 minimum



2028 minimum



2030 minimum



 Recycling and food scraps  Refuse to landfill

When are these changes happening?



What will the kerbside changes achieve?

Emissions reduction

Food waste diverted from landfill

Easy to know what can and can't
be recycled

Less contaminated recycling

More recyclable materials
captured



Changes to watch for in your area

- Look out for educational campaigns in your local area about the new set of standard kerbside materials.
- Kerbside recycling and food scraps collections will be expanded in urban areas across the country.
- It will be easier to know what materials you can and cannot recycle across the country.
- Businesses will have an easier time identifying which packaging materials they can use that are recyclable across the country.



Supporting these changes to happen

We will support the implementation of these changes with the following:

- Targeted funding support
- Guidance documents and regulations
- Ongoing research
- Continued outreach and engagement
- National messaging and education



Tools and resources: Collections




Testing the effectiveness of graphic design for food scraps collection flyers

We undertake research, which can be downloaded [here](#).

We are producing a communications toolkit for councils to roll out new collections for organics, recycling and rubbish.

We are focusing on both reducing food waste to support the reduction targets in the waste strategy and diverting food waste from landfill through the roll out of kerbside collections.

We are funding campaigns and interventions to help households and businesses to reduce food waste.

	Clear, and simple, visually appealing and easy to interpret for children and adults.
	While busy, the additional information listed on what not to include in the food scrap bin was helpful Ticks and crosses reinforce what was in and what was out
	Separate list from food images meant some could just look at the list, appealed most to older participants

Tools and resources: Materials

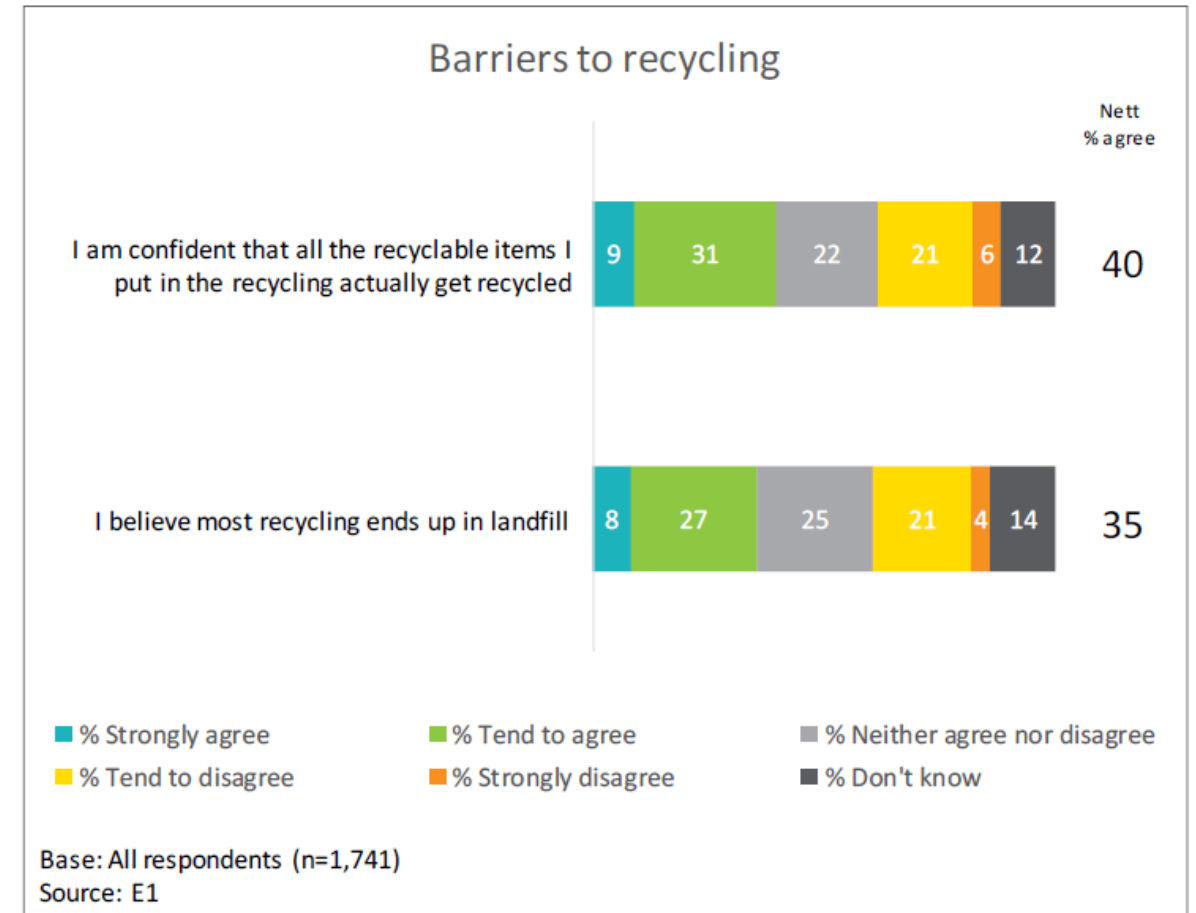
We have already funded research into what the public understands about recycling, attitudes and behaviours.

- We need to tell people what they can recycle and what it is turned into
- We need to tell people how to recycle items which can't be recycled in kerbside recycling bins e.g. textiles
- For packaging materials and items which can't be recycled we need to encourage people and companies to move to more recyclable materials

We are producing a campaign to support the introduction of a standard set of materials.

We are also producing a best practise guide to help councils, businesses and community groups write more effective communications to get people to recycle correctly.

We will also be doing annual surveys to track behaviour change looking at both reduction and recycling.



Pātai | Questions?



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Further information

Take a look at our [webpage](#) for further details.

Information about additional webinars targeted at the waste sector can be found [here](#).

Email us at transformingrecycling@mfe.govt.nz with any outstanding questions or to be added to our mailing list.

Karakia whakakapi

Kia whakairia te tapu

Kia wātea ai te ara

Kia turuki whakataha ai

Haumi ē. Hui ē. Tāiki ē!

Restrictions are moved aside

So the pathway is clear

To return to everyday activities

Enriched, unified, and blessed



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