

RE: Metal packaging/kerbside recycling

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Kia ora Kathleen,

Thank you for emailing your website update request. We have updated the [Recycle Right "How to recycle items not accepted at kerbside"](#) page to reflect the information in your email.

Please let me know if you have any other website page update requests.

Ngā mihi,
Brittany

From: Kathleen Crisley <gm@nzamr.org.nz>**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 7:47 AM**To:** Brittany Rymer <Brittany.Rymer@mfe.govt.nz>; Jenny Marshall <Jenny.Marshall@mfe.govt.nz>; Liz Butcher <Liz.Butcher@mfe.govt.nz>; Waste Behaviour Change <WasteBehaviourChange@mfe.govt.nz>**Cc:** Harry Livesey <Harry.Livesey@mfe.govt.nz>; Karen Zhang <Karen.Zhang@mfe.govt.nz>; Adrienne Kozlowski <Adrienne.Kozlowski@mfe.govt.nz>**Subject:** Re: Metal packaging/kerbside recycling**MFE CYBER SECURITY WARNING**

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Good morning,

I'm not sure who in the MfE is responsible for your website content on this page: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-you-can-do/campaigns/recycle/recycle-item/> but we were hoping for some amendments with regards to metal recycling options.

We're grateful for the links you have provided in the table; however there are greater opportunities to provide links to metal recyclers under other items:

- Appliances
- Car Batteries
- Coffee pods
- E-Waste
- Paint containers (similar to council drop-offs, these will need to be empty/dry)
- Tyres (would benefit from clarity that tyre rims are recyclable at metal recyclers, whereas the rubber is managed elsewhere)

In addition, our industry prefers the term 'metal recycler' and you've used the term scrap metal recycler in this table in the aluminium foil/tray category.

Could you please action the changes above and confirm when they are in place?

Kind regards,
Kathleen

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Kia ora Kathleen,

Thank you for your email and the additional context you've provided.

We are in regular discussion with FGC and Packaging Forum and we look forward to keeping up to date on how things are progressing with industry led efforts. We will keep you updated as our work to establish the kerbside standard materials leadership forum progresses.

Ngā mihi,
Brittany

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Good morning, Brittany et al.

We are aware of the requirement to tether, which as I am sure you know has created much discussion including the challenges to producers to change packaging design.

We surveyed members about bottle caps and other small items because, in practice, these items are not tethered to the container. A good example would be for the people who use electric tin openers. These remove the top of the tin entirely which is actually safer for users when emptying food product from the tin.

As infrastructure funding is required, the start date for any collections is highly dependent upon funding to deliver the infrastructure that will be needed. To be clear, AMR members do not feel that they should have to fund the cost of this infrastructure; as noted the materials are of low quality/value and the need to provide safe consumer collection points is a direct result of standardisation. Whether this funding comes from producers +/- MfE remains to be seen, but we are continuing our efforts to define site requirements to enable sourcing and pricing.

We look forward to hearing more about involvement in your stakeholder group and thank you to Adrienne for a copy of the communications plan which we have noted.

Kind regards,
Kathleen

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Kia ora Kathleen,

Thank you for sending through this update. It's great to hear that your members have expressed interest in trailing collections for metal items that are excluded from the kerbside standard materials.

As you may have heard from talking with Raewyn, MfE is looking to establish a stakeholder group/forum that will focus on identifying the actions needed to develop both kerbside and non-kerbside solutions for materials that are not currently suitable for kerbside collection. We are still developing the framework for this group, but it could include representatives from across the waste sector, packaging sector, councils, and other stakeholders. We will keep you updated as our work on the establishment of this stakeholder group develops further.

In terms of the materials you've surveyed your members about, I want to quickly make sure you're aware that tethered lids are an accepted material (see pages 10-11 of this [guidance document](#)). This includes aluminum pull tabs and steel tin can lids (if left attached to the base container).

For a timeline, can you confirm if you're looking to launch drop off collections for smaller metal items on/before 1 February 2024? For aerosols, we understand that health and safety considerations are complex. We anticipate that some alternative recycling options for materials not accepted in kerbside will need to be developed and rolled out after 1 February 2024.

I've cc'ed in Adrienne Kozlowski from MfE's behaviour change team. Adrienne will be able to share some key points on the comms plan our that our consultants (Insight Creative) are producing.

Hope you enjoy your leave and looking forward to your next update,
Brittany

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Good morning, ladies

When we last spoke, you wanted an update in October and I am about to go on leave myself until middle of the month, so this is the closest to October that I could get for an update.

We surveyed our members about a variety of metal packaging materials including aluminium pull tabs, steel bottle tops, aluminium wine tops, steel can lids, aluminium foils, aluminium trays, and aerosols. 42 member sites from Whangarei in the North to Invercargill in the South are prepared to trial collections, however there is still work to be done.

You are probably aware of the discussions at PackTech last week where we participated alongside the Packaging Forum and other stakeholders. We are working with the Food & Grocery Council's metal packaging subcommittee about collection capability and infrastructure and it is my understanding that Raewyn Bleakley has been in discussion with MfE about accessing investment funds for the purpose of supporting collection of material that is rejected at kerbside.

Aerosols are the most problematic of materials and, due to managing health & safety for both consumers and handlers, it seems unlikely that a solution will be in place by your February 'go live' date. Further work is needed with manufacturers and suppliers of aerosol products and the aerosols industry. Whilst we have given an undertaking to get this work underway, there won't be sufficient time and resource to complete this work and confirm arrangements before February 2024.

We have formed a subcommittee of our Board to discuss member requirements for signage and receptable infrastructure that will be consistent for consumers to identify. A re-structure of our website directory is also likely to be required. This work is underway and expected to report back by the end of October or early November.

Ministry officials should be aware that the packaging items we are talking about are comparatively low value and are expected, at least at first, in low volumes; we expect teething problems in ensuring consumers deliver clean, dry and empty products for recycling and storage until there is a tradeable quantity of material on a site is likely to be an issue.

We are interested in your consultant's plan and timeline for communications around the standardisation; I believe you said that this would be in place prior to the election although it could not be publicised until afterwards?

Kind regards,
Kathleen

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Hi Kathleen

We met earlier in the year to discuss whether the members of the metal recyclers association would be interested in becoming drop off locations for aerosols and foil. Brittany cc'd was at that meeting. I'm about to go on 7 weeks leave but I had said I would touch base again with you to provide an update on our plans and hear what your plans are. Will leave you and Brittany to connect to find a time as she can update you on what's happening at our end and have also cc'd in my manager for awareness.

cheers

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Hi ladies

If I understand correctly, between 31 August and end of October, we must be able to confirm to MfE the number of sites we have to offer for collection of certain types of packaging?

With the update of any online directory and photos completed by launch date?

Regards,
Kathleen

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Hi Kathleen

Thanks for the update. WE have finalised the dates for when the consultants will have over the deliverables in the contract to us but we are still working through how long the sign out process will be at our end ie from when we receive them how long before we get the senior leadership at MfE to sign them out after which we can send them around. But at this stage 31st August is when the consultant will submit the communications plan to us which will include what they intend to do and a list of assets they will be creating and key messages. Then 31st October is when the assets will be finalised. Adrienne cc'd in is working on mapping out our internal sign out processes at the moment and will be in touch when we have a better estimate of when we will be able to send key stakeholder such as yourself updates.

cheers

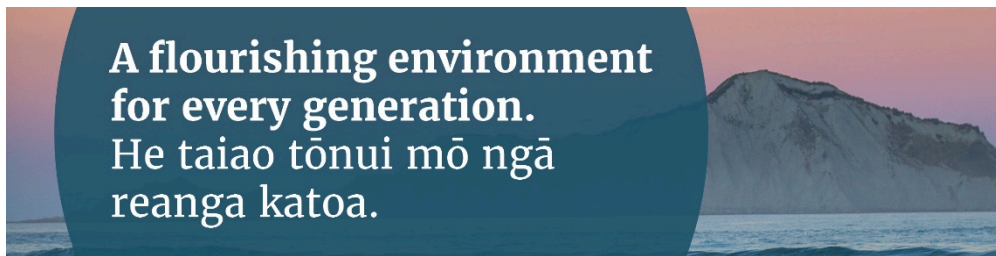
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Good afternoon,

I have a survey out now with our members with a deadline for completion of 30 June; I'll then need to discuss the results with the Board before getting back to you with details.

Could you give me an update on the consultant for the communications strategy?

Kind regards,
Kathleen

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