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Key recycling messages

Below is the list of items which can and can’t be collected in kerbside recycling. You are encouraged to use consistent wording eg food scraps not food waste; drink cans not aluminium cans as this makes it easier for people to all ages and all ethnicities to understand.

**What can be collected in kerbside recycling**

* Most Kiwis can now recycle the same things from home. So, it’s easier for us to recycle right.
* Only these things can be recycled from home:
  + Plastic bottles, trays and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 only
  + Food and drink tins and cans
  + Paper and cardboard (including pizza boxes)
  + Glass bottles and jars
* Here’s what you can’t put out for recycling:
  + Plastics numbered 3,4,6 and 7
  + Lids for bottles, jars and containers unless they are attached to containers and made of a similar material.
  + Soft plastics
  + Polystyrene
  + Aerosols
  + Aluminium foil and trays
  + Liquid paperboard / drink cartons / juice boxes
* If you want to go the extra recycling mile:
  + Leave the lids attached to your tins, rinse clean and then push the lid inside the can. Then the lids can be recycled too.
  + Some brands of toothpaste tubes are recyclable. You will need to check the number for a 1,2 or 5. Remove the cap as it’s not recyclable at kerbside. Cut the toothpaste tube in half and then use up the remaining toothpaste to clean the tube.
  + Some items that can’t be recycled at kerbside can be recycled at drop off locations or through take back schemes.
* Here’s what you can put in your food scraps bin:
  + Vegetable scraps, peelings and stalk
  + Fruit scraps, skins and cores
  + Cooked food
  + Bread grains and pasta
  + Dairy
  + Egg and seafood shells
  + Meat and fish bones
  + Coffee grounds and loose tea leaves
  + Indoor cut flowers
* Here’s what you can’t put in your food scraps bin:
  + Tea bags
  + Soft plastics
  + Compostable packaging and containers
  + Pet poo
  + Newspaper
  + Pizza boxes
  + Paper towels
  + Tissues
  + Compostable bags

*Note: some councils may allow compostable bin liners in food scraps bins.*