

WHANGAREI

Recycling Guide

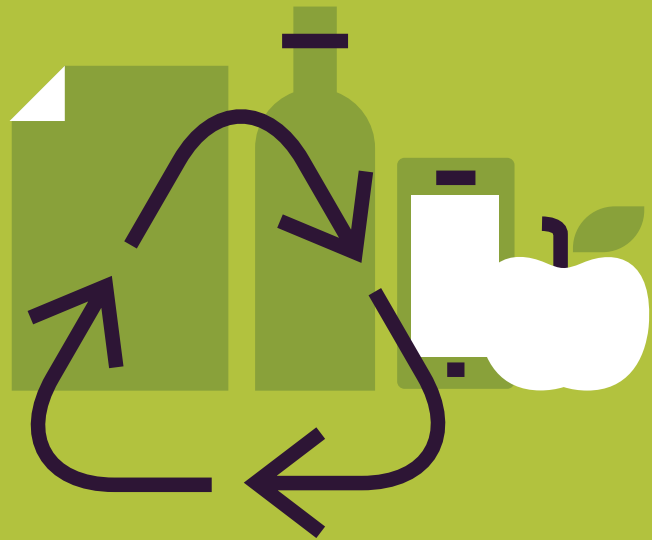


Before you throw that away! Try Recycling.

Recycling has a huge range of benefits, including protecting the environment, helping out others in need, and even sometimes making money! There are many beneficial ways for you to 'dispose' of items you no longer want or need, supporting our environment as well as the community.

To make recycling easier, we've created an A to Z catalogue that will help you find the right place to sell, donate, recycle or upcycle! We've also included contact details so you can seek more information.

If you know of recycling options not included in this brochure please contact ecosolutions@cbec.co.nz



Agricultural/Farm Chemicals - Northland Regional Council (NRC) has a collection service for farm chemicals and accepts waste (not containing fuel) at Re:Sort in Whangarei. Phone **0800 002 004** or email **mailroom@nrc.govt.nz**

Agricultural/Farm Chemical Containers & Drums - Agrecovery collects farm chemical containers and drums for safe disposal. Phone **0800 AGRECOVERY** (0800 247 326) or visit **www.agrecovery.co.nz**

Agricultural/Farm Plastics & other Non-chemical Waste Plasback offer pick-up by arrangement for all your agricultural / farming plastic and other non-chemical waste. Phone **0508 338 240** or visit **www.plasback.co.nz**

Aluminium & Steel Cans - Cans can be recycled through your kerbside recycling or taken to Re:Sort.

Ammunition/Bullets/Flares - Any old or expired ammunition can be taken to your local Police Station for disposal by the Ministry of Defence.

Antiques - You might be surprised what these are worth! Try your local second hand stores or antique dealers, or sell on Trademe.

Appliances - Small and medium electronics and appliances can be recycled for a fee at Ecosolutions, your local transfer sStation, or at the Re:Sort Centre. Large appliances such as fridges and ovens may be of interest to scrap dealers but can also be taken to Re:Sort or local transfer stations. There is a \$7 fee (in Whangarei) for fridges/freezers as they need to be de-gassed.

Ash (Fireplace) - Ash is a great addition to your compost, mixed in with other matter, and can also be spread thinly directly on the ground as a lime substitute. Do not burn treated wood in your fire - it is illegal and produces toxic smoke and ash.



Batteries - Batteries of all sizes can be taken for free to Re:Sort. Vehicle batteries may be of interest to scrap dealers but can also be disposed of at the Re:Sort or your transfer station.

Bicycles - Scrap metal dealers may be interested in old bikes, or if they're in reasonable condition, bike repair shops may also be interested for parts. Wharebike at Woods Rd Whangarei, operates a free community bike workshop and gladly receives old bikes. Email **wharebike@gmail.com** or phone **022 15 17 305**.

Bones – If you're not making soup stock, bones can be frozen and stored to be given to a neighbour's dog, or can be buried or burnt in a log fire where they will turn to ash and add good nutrients back into your garden (via the compost).

Books – For any books in reasonable condition, there is always a home for them. You can try second hand book stores if you'd like to sell more unusual or specialty books, or you can donate to charity shops or the Re:Sort junk shop. You can also donate to the hospital, your local kindergarten or rest home. Books in disrepair may be recycled kerbside with your paper and cardboard (remove any plastic and hard covers).

Cables/wires – Cables, plugs, wires, phone chargers etc can be recycled at Ecosolutions Whangarei for \$3 per kilo of miscellaneous electronics.

Cameras – see Electronics

Cans – Cans may be recycled kerbside or taken to Re:Sort or your nearest Transfer Station.

Cardboard – Cardboard can be recycled kerbside or taken to Re:Sort or your nearest Transfer Station.

SECOND-HAND STORES...

There are a large number of second hand and charity stores in Whangarei, who welcome good quality preloved clothing, furniture, toys, furnishings and fittings, books, jewellery, blankets... pretty much anything you can think of!



Cars - Local scrap metal dealers or car collection companies may be interested depending on the make, model and condition. Phone Cash for Cars on **0800 444 666** or visit www.cashforcarswhangarei.co.nz. Phone Broken Car Collection Company on **0800 932 722** or visit www.brokencars.co.nz/areas/whangarei/

Carpets – Some companies may take old carpet away for recycling when installing new carpet. Wool carpet can be used as an excellent weedmat or mulch. Other carpets and rugs in good condition can be given away, taken to second-hand shops or sold on Facebook or Trademe.

Cartridges – Cartridges, including printer/photocopier ink/toner, may be accepted by office supply companies but this is usually for customers only. Cartridge Rescue will collect and recycle cartridges for free (visit www.cartridgerescue.co.nz) and EcoSolutions recycles copier cartridges for \$4/kilo.

Child Car Seats – Baby on the Move in Cameron Street, Whangarei, will take or recycle child car seats for a small fee. Car seats are also recycled by Seat Smart in Auckland. Phone Baby on the Move on **(09) 459 6234** or Smart Seat on **0508 374 768**.

China, Glassware, Pottery – These items are welcomed at second-hand stores, and can also be sold on Trademe or via Facebook recycling groups. These items are not suitable for recyclable kerbside.

Clothes and Linen – Donate to charity stores or sell higher quality items via second-hand stores or Trade me. You could also arrange a clothes swap/trade with friends via Facebook. You can also donate womens and childrens clothing and bedding to Womens' Refuge via the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Coffee Grounds – After your morning cuppa, the grounds can be added to the compost, fed to a worm farms, used as mulch in your garden, or used to grow mushrooms!

Computers – see Electronic Waste

Cooking Fats & Oils – Contact a certified hazardous waste contractor to clean grease traps and remove waste cooking oil. You can also contact your local Cookright franchise on **027 432 0024** to have your used oil collected for upcycling into biodiesel.

Confidential Waste (documents/disks etc.)

– Contact a document destruction service provider. Ecosolutions offers a hard drive destruction service for \$15 per drive.

Concrete – Contact a local waste company

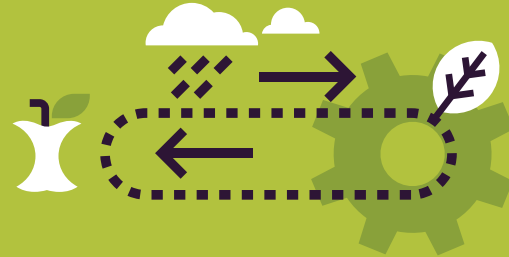
Construction & Demolition – Contact a local waste company to find out you options for commercial quantities of construction and demolition material.

Curtains – Curtains in good condition may be taken to EcoSolutions Whangarei or He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust in Moerewa. Phone **(09) 4041299**. Alternatively they can be donated to second-hand stores.

Dental Waste – Ecosolutions can accept toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers etc to be recycled through Terracycle. Visit Terracycle at **www.terracycle.co.nz/en-NZ**

Electronic Waste - Small and medium electronics and appliances can be recycled for a small fee at EcoSolutions or the Re:Sort Centre or your local Transfer Station. Kaitaia Transfer Station accept e-waste.

Food Waste – Commercial quantities of uncontaminated food waste may be of interest to local pig farmers. You can ask around restaurants/cafes for farming contacts in your community. Household quantities can be buried, composted, fed to worm farms or animals such as chickens/pigs.



Fridges & Freezers – see Appliances

Furniture – Furniture in reasonable condition (no rips, breaks) can be donated or sold to charity stores, second-hand stores on Trademe or via Facebook recycling groups.

Game Consoles – see Electronic Waste

Glass – Bottles and jars may be reused at home for bottling / storing home preserves, food containers, vases, water bottles (and many other uses!), recycled in kerbside recycling, or taken to Re:Sort or other Transfer Stations. Drinking glasses, mirrors and window glass are not recyclable kerbside as the additives in this glass affect the recycling process.

Garden Waste/ Greenwaste – Garden waste is ideal for composting at home, along with broken up branches, food waste, lawn clippings and leaves. You can also take green waste to Re:Sort to be composted for a fee (less than rubbish). Some other Transfer Stations accept green waste, but not all, so please check before you decide where to go. Problem vegetation that is not accepted at Re:Sort and other Transfer Stations includes: Flax, Toi Toi, Bamboo, Pampas Grass, Phoenix Palm, Cabbage Tree. Kerigreen offer a greenwaste recovery facility in Waipapa. Phone Kerigreen on **(09) 407 4142**.

Hair – Hair is a great ingredient in compost as it adds nitrogen. Large quantities (such as from a hairdresser) could be put in a compost bin covered by a layer of lawn clippings to aid breakdown.

SELLING ONLINE...

Unwanted goods can usually be sold online – and you might be surprised what your treasures are worth. Try Trademe, or Facebook groups such as 'Pay it Forward Whangarei' or 'Buy Sell Swaps Whangarei' and 'Whangarei Fast Buy/Swaps and Sell'.



Hazardous Waste – The Northland Chemical Collection has a site within Re:Sort where they accept hazardous waste including used lubricating oil, paints, agricultural chemicals, animal remedies, pool chemicals and batteries (both automotive and household) for disposal.

They do not accept:

- Fuel
- Radioactive wastes
- Explosives including ammunition (see Ammunition)
- Infectious substances
- Hazardous substances in broken or leaking containers

Phone the Northland Chemical Collection on **0800 002 004**.

Horticultural Waste – see Agricultural/Farm Chemicals, Agricultural/Farm Chemical Containers, or Agricultural/Farm Plastics & Other Non-chemical Waste

House Materials/Windows etc. – These items can be sold to second-hand demolitions/construction retailers such as Habitat for Humanity or on Trademe. Waste companies may also collect construction waste.

Iceblock sticks – Clean and dry iceblock sticks can be donated to your local school or kindergarten / playcentre / Kohanga for crafts etc. Alternatively they can be composted.

Ice cream containers (clean) – Ecosolutions collect clean icecream containers for classroom education or you can donate them directly to your local school or kindergarten / playcentre / Kohanga.

Jewellery – Good quality pre-loved jewellery can often be sold via Trademe, second-hand shops, local auctions or pawn shops. Jewellery can also be donated to Dress for Success or other local charity shops.

Light Bulbs – There is a special collection for lightbulbs at Re:Sort with no charge. For larger volumes, you can buy a postage paid 'Interwaste Bulb Box' to fill and send for recycling. EcoSolutions also has Interwaste bulb boxes where you can dispose of your bulbs.



Linens – see Clothes, Linens & Curtains

LPG Bottles – LPG Bottles require degassing, and can be disposed of at Re:Sort or at your local Transfer Station (with the exception of Parua Bay) for \$7.

Magazines – Magazines are recyclable kerbside, even those with glossy paper. For magazines in good condition, you could also sell/donate to second-hand shops or bookstores, or donate to hairdressers, schools, doctors, dentists and other organisations with customer waiting rooms.

Machinery/Tools – Unwanted machinery and tools can be sold to Downtown Tools, or via Trademe, Facebook recycling groups, local auctions, and second-hand stores. Donations are welcome at 'The Men's Shed'. Phone Downtown Tools on **(09) 4300833** and The Mens Shed on **(09) 4351759**.

Metal – Scrap metal dealers

Microwaves – see Appliances

Mobile Phones – Mobile phones can be dropped off for free at Ecosolutions or recycled through most phone companies.

Medicines – Any old, unwanted medications should be taken to your local pharmacist for safe disposal.

Oil – Can be taken to Re:Sort or your local Transfer Station for free disposal but not in commercial quantities.

Ovens – see Appliances

Paint – All paints can be safely disposed of at Re:Sort with no charge.

Pallets – There are many amazing online examples to re-use and upcycle pallets - check out Pinterest as a starting point for inspiration. Pallet recycling companies operate in major cities, and companies which distribute pallet may accept returned pallets for reuse.

Paper – Uncontaminated paper may be recycled kerbside - this includes newspaper, glossy paper, magazines, cardboard, office paper and phone books. We suggest using a solid, shallow bin (like a fish bin or similar) to collect your paper for recycling, as this can be placed kerbside and makes for easier in-house collection rather than piling paper/cardboard up or trying to stuff it all in a plastic bag.

Photocopiers – see Electronic Waste

Photocopier Toner Cartridges – see Cartridges

Plasterboard – See 'Construction and Demolition Waste'.

Plastics 1-7 – Plastics numbered 1 and 2 may be recycled in your kerbside bin, and only commercial quantities of other numbers are collected by waste companies. Try avoiding purchasing anything plastics numbered 3-7 and using alternatives where possible instead. These containers can also be used around home as food containers, pot plants, pen holders etc.

Plastics – Soft – Commercial quantities of soft plastics are collected by waste companies. A new soft plastics recycling scheme will allow people in Auckland and Hamilton to take soft plastics to supermarkets for recycling, so you could encourage your local Council to support a similar scheme.

Polystyrene (Expanded) – Polystyrene is not recyclable kerbside, however commercial quantities may be accepted by waste companies. Try giving it back to company which provided it.

COMMUNITY KINDNESS...

Gift your unwanted goods to a worthy community cause, such as Women's Refuge, Dress For Success, Hospice, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity or the SPCA.



Printers – see Electronic Waste

Printer Cartridges – see Cartridges

Rubber – see Tyres

Rugs – see Carpets & Rugs

Scrap Metal – See Metal

Stereos – see Electronic Waste

Telephones – see Mobile Phones or Electronic Waste

Tin foil – Foil plates etc can be recycled, but must be clean, with no food contamination.

Tools – see Machinery/Tools

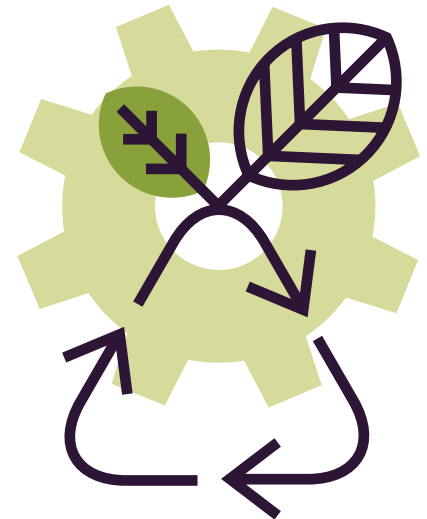
TVs – see Electronic Waste

Tyres – Any tyres can be recycled at Re:Sort from \$4 for a regular car tyre. There are many ways to reuse tyres such as garden beds, tyre swings, bike racks and garden sculptures. Check online for more ideas.

Viticulture Waste – see Agricultural Chemicals, Agricultural Chemical Containers or Agricultural/Farm Plastic & other Non-chemical Waste

Washing Machines – see Appliances

Whiteware - see Appliances



For further information

Full contact details for EcoSolutions, Whangarei District Council Re:Sort Centre and Transfer Stations, Far North District Council and waste management companies are below. You can also find all the companies and organisations mentioned in this booklet online.

If you would like further information or have any questions about items not mentioned in this book, please contact EcoSolutions.

EcoSolutions

Phone: 09 438 8710

Search: www.ecosolutions.org.nz

Visit: 3 Bank Street, Whangarei

Whangarei District Council

Phone: 0800 932 463 or (09) 430 4200

Search: Transfer station information www.wdc.govt.nz/NewsRoom/Latest-News/Pages/Transfer-Station-Hours-Summer-2015-2016.aspx

Waste and rubbish collection and recycling
www.wdc.govt.nz/WaterandWaste/Rubbish/Pages/RubbishCollection.aspx

Re:Sort Centre

Phone: (09) 4386288

Visit: Kioreroa Rd, Whangarei

Far North District Council

Phone: 0800 920 029 or (09) 401 5200

Search: Transfer station information www.fndc.govt.nz/services/water-wastewater-and-refuse/rubbish-and-recycling/transfer-station-information

Waste Management

Phone: 0800 888 278

Search: www.wastemanagement.co.nz

East West Waste

Phone: 0800 492783 or 09 401 274

Search: www.eastwestwaste.co.nz

Northland Waste

Phone: 09 408 2594

Search: www.northlandwaste.co.nz

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