

FAR NORTH

Recycling Guide

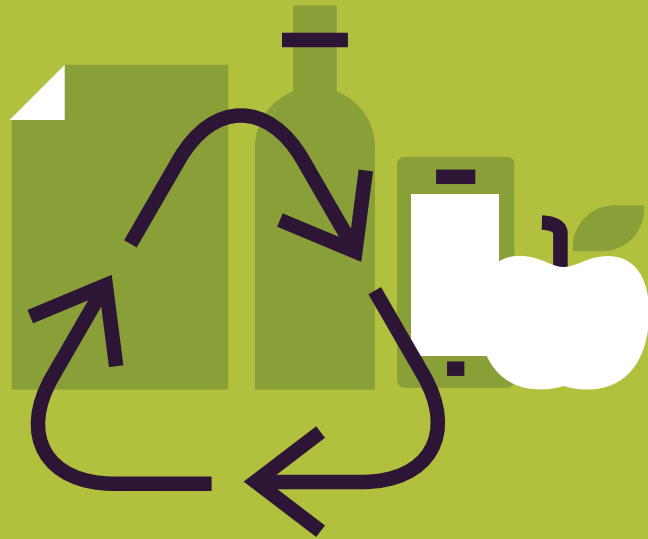


Before you throw that away! Try Recycling.

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 small quantities of waste (not containing fuel) at all larger transfer stations in the far north. 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 any transfer stations in the mid-and far north.

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 your local transfer station. Large



Batteries - Batteries of all sizes can be taken for free to any transfer station. Vehicle batteries may be of interest to scrap dealers but can also be disposed of at your local transfer station.

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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.

Bicycles – Scrap metal dealers may be interested in old bikes, or if they're in reasonable condition they can be sold on Trademe or given to op-shops. Bike repair shops may also be interested for parts.

Bones – If you're not making soup stock, bones can be frozen and can be buried or burnt in a log fire where they will turn to ash and add compost).

Books – For any books in reasonable condition, there is always a home stores if you'd like to sell more unusual or specialty books, or you can to the hospital, your local kindergarten or rest home. Books in paper and cardboard (remove any plastic and hard covers).

Cables/wires – Cables, plugs, wires, phone chargers etc can be collected as scrap metal for then to be stripped and recycled.

Cameras – see Electronics

Cans – Cans may be recycled kerbside or taken to your nearest

Cardboard – Cardboard can be recycled kerbside or taken to your

SECOND-HAND STORES...

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



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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 weed-mat 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. The Warehouse Stationary accepts cartridges free of charge and the Cartridge Rescue will collect and recycle cartridges for free (visit www.cartridgerescue.co.nz).

Eco Centre accept toner cartridges at 42 Commerce Street, Kaitaia 09 408 1086, info@ecocentre.co.nz

Child Car Seats – Car seats are recycled by Seat Smart in Auckland. Phone Baby on the Move on **(09) 459 6234** or Smart Seat on **0508 374 768**. Enquire with your local Plunket Centre to see if anyone needs a car seat.

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 women's and children's' clothing and bedding to Women's' 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.)

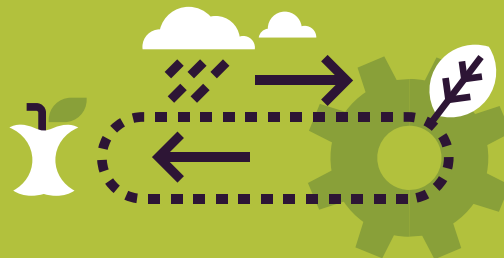
– Contact a document destruction service provider.

Concrete – Contact a local waste company. There are several in the yellow pages for Northland.

Construction & Demolition – Contact a local waste company to find out your options for commercial quantities of construction and demolition material. Some waste companies now offer recycling services at construction sites.

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

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.



Dental Waste – Terracycle offers a dental care recycling programme for toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers etc. Visit Terracycle at: <https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/brigades/oral-care-brigade>

Electronic Waste - Small and medium electronics and appliances can be recycled for a small fee at your local transfer station. Kaitaia Transfer Station and White-Hills accept e-waste.

Eco Centre accept laptops free of charge at 42 Commerce Street, Kaitaia 09 408 1086, info@ecocentre.co.nz

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 your local transfer stations. Drinking glasses, mirrors and window glass are not recyclable kerbside as the additives in this glass affect the recycling process.

Glasses – see spectacles.

Garden Waste/ Green waste – 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 some transfer stations to be composted for a fee (less than rubbish). Not all transfer stations accept green waste so please check before you decide where to go. Problem vegetation that is not accepted at transfer stations includes: Flax, Toi, Bamboo, Pampas Grass, Phoenix Palm and Cabbage Tree.

Waipapa Landscape Supplies is a green waste drop off point.
Phone Waipapa Landscape Supplies on **(09) 407 6668**

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.

Hazardous Waste – The Northland Chemical Collection has a site within most larger transfer stations 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

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’.



- 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.

Ice-block sticks – Clean and dry ice-block sticks can be donated
to your local school or kindergarten / Playcentre / Kohanga for
crafts etc. Alternatively, they can be composted.

Ice cream containers (clean) You can donate them 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 – Fluorescent tubes and CFL
energy saving lightbulbs can be disposed of at
your local transfer station for free. They
contain small amounts of mercury and need to
be disposed of properly. For larger volumes,
you can buy a postage paid 'Interwaste Bulb
Box' to fill and send for recycling. Other
lightbulbs go in general waste.



Linens – see Clothes, Linens & Curtains.

LPG Bottles – LPG Bottles require degassing, and can be
disposed of at most local transfer stations. There may be a small
de-gassing fee.

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’ in Whangarei. Phone Downtown Tools on **(09) 4300833** and The Men’s Shed on **(09) 4351759**.

Metal – Scrap metal dealers

Microwaves – see Appliances

Mobile Phones – Mobile phones can be dropped off for free at local mobile phone shops.

Medicines - Any old, unwanted medications should be taken to your local pharmacist for safe disposal. Flushing old medication harms the environment.

Oil – Can be taken to your local transfer station for free disposal. This is not for commercial quantities.

Ovens – see Appliances

Paint – All paints can be safely disposed of at your s=transfer station 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 may be collected by waste companies. Check with your local branch what they do and don't accept.

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, St. Johns or the SPCA.



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.

Printers – see Electronic Waste

Printer Cartridges – see Cartridges

Rubber – see Tyres

Rugs – see Carpets & Rugs

Scrap Metal – See Metal

Spectacles – Shackletons Pharmacy at 91 Commerce St Kaitaia and www.specsavers.co.nz accept eyewear.

Stereos – see Electronic Waste

Telephones – see Mobile Phones or Electronic Waste

Tin foil – Foil plates etc. can be recycled at your transfer station or scrap dealer, but must be clean, with no food contamination.

Tools – see Machinery/Tools

TVs – see Electronic Waste

Tyres – Any tyres can be recycled at your transfer station 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

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contact details for EcoSolutions, Far North District Council, Far North District Council and waste management companies follow. You can also find all the companies and organisations mentioned in this booklet online.
would like further information or have any questions about items not mentioned in this book, contact;

EcoSolutions

190 Pukepoto Rd, Kaitaia. 09-4388710
<http://www.ecosolutions.org.nz>

North District Council

920 029 or (09) 401 5200:

<https://www.fndc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling>

Waste Management

0800 888 278 or 09 401 274
www.wastemanagement.co.nz

Northland Waste

09 408 2594
www.northlandwaste.co.nz

For a full list of transfer stations and their services in the Far North look on the Fndc council website at:
<https://www.fndc.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/transfer-station-information>

