

TIMARU



DISTRICT COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe  
o Te Tihi o Maru

# What's in your bin?



**Play your part in looking after Aotearoa  
and reducing the amount of waste  
that is sent to landfill.**

One of the best ways to look after our environment is to know what goes in your **green organics**, **yellow recycling**, **blue glass recycling**, and **red rubbish** wheelie bins.

Putting waste in the recycling bins will contaminate recyclables. It may also harm workers who sort your recycling by hand. All contaminated recycling goes to landfill.



## How do I know what to put in each wheelie bin?

- Visit the Timaru District Council website: [timaru.govt.nz/whatsinyourbin](http://timaru.govt.nz/whatsinyourbin)
- Keep this brochure handy

### Bin placement

- **Bins need to be put out before 6am on collection day**
- **Put bins close to the kerb and at least 0.5 metres apart (enough to stand between them)**
- **Please put the smallest bin first in driver's approach**
- **Rural bins: offset bins slightly for clearer driver vision**
- **Bin handles facing the footpath**
- **Bins should be unobstructed by vehicles, trees or power poles**
- **Close lids**
- **80kg maximum weight**

If you have problems with positioning your bin on the kerbside, live in units or flats with space constraints, or have other special circumstances, please contact the Council on 03 687 7200.

### Bin collection

Your green organics bin can be put out weekly and your red rubbish, or yellow recycling and blue glass, go out on alternate weeks. Your bin collection day depends on where you live or work in the Timaru District. See the South Zone calendar or the North Zone calendar for your bin schedules. Your bin doesn't need to be full to be collected but the lid must be able to shut. For bins that are missed by the collection truck, please contact the Council on 03 687 7200.

### Lost, damaged or stolen bins

The bins are allocated to a property and must stay with the property even if you shift. For bins that are damaged (e.g. split side or broken handles), missing or stolen, contact the Council on 03 687 7200.

You will be required to pay costs only if the bin is damaged (or lost) due to negligence.

# What's in your organics bin?

The organics bin is for food and garden waste.

## All food waste



## Meat and bones



## Garden waste



Do not include these in your organics bin:

- Plastic bags, wrap or strapping
- Hot or cooled ashes
- Treated wood, sawdust or shavings
- Bamboo, cabbage tree leaves, rhubarb leaves, flax and palm leaves

Put them in your **red rubbish bin**.

**80**  
kg

**Maximum bin weight is 80kg.** Heavy bins will be stickered and will not be picked up.

## Organics bin – weekly pickup

### Handy Hints

- Place materials loosely in the bin so that it will be emptied completely. Do not stomp or compact your waste
- The composting system destroys weeds, seeds and pathogens.



# What's in your recycling bin?

Rinse and clean all containers. Recycling must be loose not bagged. Put lids in the red rubbish bin.

## 1, 2 and 5 plastics

Check your plastics for a triangle with a number in it



## Paper



## Cardboard

Flatten boxes



## Steel and aluminium cans



Do not include these in your recycling bin:

- Disposable nappies and sanitary items
- Soft plastics
- Drink cartons
- Lids, caps, pumps and spray triggers
- Aerosol cans (steel and aluminium)
- Aluminium foils and trays

Put them in your **red rubbish bin**.

Keep the verticle space above bins clear.



## Recycling Bin – Fortnightly Pickup

### Handy Hints

- Flatten boxes to make more room
- Clean plastic bottles by rinsing with dishwater
- Putting rubbish in the yellow recycling bin will contaminate recyclables. Contaminated recycling goes to landfill.



# What's in your glass recycling bin?

Glass bottles and jars need to go in the blue glass recycling bin, not your yellow recycling bin.

## Glass bottles

Rinsed, no lids



## Glass jars

Rinsed, no lids



**DO NOT** include these in your glass recycling bin:

- Windscreen glass
- Oven safe glassware
- Drinking glasses
- Mirror or plate glass

Put them in your **red rubbish bin**.

- **Light bulbs**  
LED and Ecobulb LED, and Fluorescent light bulbs can be taken to a resource recovery park.
- **Lids and caps**  
Put plastic lids in your red rubbish bin. Metal lids and caps can be saved and taken to a resource recovery park.

## Glass recycling bin – fortnightly pickup

### Handy Hints

- Clean glass bottles and jars by rinsing with dishwasher
- Your bin doesn't need to be full to be collected
- Jars can be sterilised and reused for preserves. Take them to a resource recovery park, or use them yourself!



# What's in your rubbish bin?

Your rubbish bin should only contain general household waste.

**Soft plastic wrappers and bags**



**Disposable nappies and sanitary items**



**Flax, palm and cabbage tree leaves**



**Drinking glasses, mirrors and plate glass**



**General waste**

e.g. takeaway cups, old clothes, garden hoses



**Do not include these in your rubbish bin:**

- Batteries – all
- Paint
- Electronic devices
- Hazardous chemicals
- Reusable items

Take the above items to a resource recovery park.

**Reusable clothing, shoes and textiles can be dropped off to a clothing bin or charity.**

## Rubbish bin – fortnightly pickup

### Handy Hints

- Extra rubbish placed next to or on top of your bin will not be collected
- Place dust from sanders, sweepings and vacuum cleaners into bag
- **Hot ashes:** Put hot ashes on your garden to cool, or place in a metal bucket away from buildings, for 7 days, before using on your garden or placing in your red bin
- Bag all waste to reduce litter.





# What about items that can't go in your bins?

Items that can't fit or aren't allowed in your bins can be taken to a transfer station or resource recovery park.

Many items are accepted at **no charge**:

- **All batteries:** including car and truck
- **Hazardous wastes:** a limit of 20 litres or 20 kgs applies to domestic customers only
- **Paint:** Dulux paint to Dulux Stores, Resene to Resene stores and either brand can go to our transfer stations.
- **Waste motor oil:** drop-off at all transfer stations except Pleasant Point. Maximum 20 litres
- **Reusable or pre-loved items in good condition:** all transfer stations
- **Metals:** all transfer stations and Scrap Metal Yard, Redruth Street, Timaru
- **Whiteware:** all transfer stations and Scrap Metal Yard, Redruth Street, Timaru
- **Standard household recyclables**
- **Polystyrene and cardboard**
- **E-scrap:** anything with a cord or cable including laptops (excluding TVs and computer monitors)

Some charges apply:

- **Tyres**
- **Televisions and computer monitors**
- **Child car seat recycling**
- **Garden and vegetation material**
- **Bricks and concrete**

**Agrichemical containers and plastics:**

agrecovery.co.nz, plasback.co.nz

Each resource recovery park has its own list of what it can accept, so make sure you check before taking your items there. They can be found at the following locations:

- **Redruth Resource Recovery Park**

23 Shaw Street,  
Timaru  
Mon–Fri 7:30am–4:15pm  
Sat–Sun 10am–4:15pm

- **Temuka Transfer Station**

45 Wilmshurst Road,  
Temuka  
Thurs and Sat 10am–3:45pm

- **Pleasant Point Transfer Station**

23 Beck Road,  
Pleasant Point  
Weds 2:30–4:15pm  
Sat 10am–3:45pm

- **Geraldine Transfer Station**

128 Te Moana Road,  
Geraldine  
Tues and Sat 10am–3:45pm

### **Crow's Nest Shop**

If you are unable to deliver items, in some cases the Crow's Nest are able to offer a large goods pick-up service. Contact the manager to arrange.

Redruth Street,  
Timaru  
03 684 9749  
Mon–Fri 9am–4.30pm  
Sat and Sun 10am–4.30pm

# What goes in your bins

◆ Glass Bin  
 ● Recycling  
 ■ Organics  
 ▲ Rubbish Bin  
 ✱ Resource Recovery Park

<p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Aerosol cans</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Aluminium foil</b> (Try the scrunch test: if you scrunch the foil in your hand and it stays scrunched up, it is aluminium)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Ashes</b> (cooled for 7 days)</p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Batteries – all</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Biodegradable plastic</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Books</b></p> <p><span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Bread, pastries and flour</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Bubble wrap</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Cans</b> (clean)</p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Car parts and scrap metal</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Cardboard boxes</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> (clean and flattened)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Cartons – milk and juice</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Cat litter</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>CDs or DVDs</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Cellphones and smartphones</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Cereal boxes</b> (clean and flattened)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Cereal liners</b></p> <p><span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Cheese and butter</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Child car seats</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Clothing, shoes and textiles</b> Drop off to a clothing bin or charity if it's reusable.</p> <p><span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Coffee grinds &amp; loose tea leaves</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Coffee pods and sachets</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Computers and electronic devices</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Crockery, ceramics, porcelain</b> (broken)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Disposable nappies</b></p>	<p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Dog poo</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Drinking glasses</b> (broken)</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Egg cartons and trays</b> (clean, dry)</p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Electrical appliances</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Empty engine oil containers</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Fast food packaging/containers</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Fish and chip paper, paper towels and serviettes</b></p> <p><span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Food scraps, fruit and vegetables</b> (including pips)</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Food tins</b> (rinsed)</p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Furniture</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Garden – Bamboo, cabbage tree leaves, rhubarb leaves, flax and palm leaves</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Garden pots</b></p> <p><span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Garden waste, most cut flowers, pruned branches, leaves and grass clippings</b> (unsprayed)</p> <p><span style="color: blue;">◆</span> <b>Glass bottles</b> (rinsed, no lids)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Glass cookware/ovenware</b> (broken)</p> <p><span style="color: blue;">◆</span> <b>Glass jars</b> (rinsed, no lids)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Hoses and plastic tubing</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Household appliances</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Human and animal hair</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Junk mail</b></p> <p><span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Leftover meat, fish and bones</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Lids – plastic and metal bottle/container lids</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Light bulbs – Fluorescent</b></p>	<p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Light bulbs – Tungsten and LED</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Magazines</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Meat trays – polystyrene</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Meat trays with a number 1 plastic triangle</b> (rinsed)</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Milk bottles with a number 2 plastic triangle</b> (no lids)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Mirrors</b> (if broken)</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Newspaper and office paper</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Oils, e.g. mineral, used engine, gearbox and transmission oil</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span> <b>Paint and chemicals</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Plastic bottles/containers – grades 3, 4, 6, 7 or no grade</b></p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> <b>Plastic bottles/containers numbered 1, 2 or 5</b> (clean, no lids)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Plastic film or wrap – soft plastic</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Plastic ties and strapping</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Polystyrene, including packaging polystyrene</b></p> <p><span style="color: purple;">✱</span></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Sanitary items</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Shells and shellfish</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Shredded paper</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Smoke alarms</b> (with batteries removed)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>String, twine, rope</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Takeaway cups</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Teabags</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Toys</b></p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Window glass</b> (broken)</p> <p><span style="color: red;">▲</span> <b>Wood – treated, stained, oiled or painted</b></p>
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