

# Bin good

## Tips to help you get it right!



### Tip 1 | Empty pizza boxes, cardboard and paper

You can place empty pizza boxes in the recycling bin. This means that you should remove all food scraps, but it's OK to leave oil in the box.



### Tip 2 | Clean plastic bottles and containers

Only clean, lidless, hard plastic bottles, containers numbered 1, 2 and 5 and clear meat trays can go in the yellow bin. They must be larger than a yoghurt pottle and 4 litres and under. Don't squash these or put them into bags.



### Tip 3 | Food and drink tins and cans

Food and drink tins and cans are the only metal items that can go in your yellow bin. Make sure they're clean (rinsed) and loose (not bagged) in the bin. You can drop off other metal items for free, including tools, kitchen pots and pans, and household appliances, at one of our three EcoDrop Resource Recovery Centres, otherwise they must go in your red bin.



### Tip 4 | Food and garden waste

Help us make great quality compost by putting **only** food and garden waste in your green bin. Cabbage tree and flax leaves go in the red bin. Visit [ccc.govt.nz/greenbin](http://ccc.govt.nz/greenbin) for more.



### Tip 5 | Aerosol cans

Empty aerosol cans go in the red bin. If they're not completely empty, aerosols can explode under pressure and cause fires at recycling facilities. Some aerosols contain poisons such as insecticides and automotive sprays. Staff at recycling facilities may be exposed to these when aerosols are damaged or crushed for baling.



### Tip 6 | Paper towels, serviettes and tissues

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Paper towels, serviettes, tissues and food soiled cardboard go in the red bin. This includes food soiled pizza boxes, fish and chip paper, paper towels, tissues, receipts, shredded paper and all paper smaller than a standard envelope. This helps keep our recycling and compost at a high standard.



### Tip 7 | Tea bags

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Many tea bags contain plastic which can contaminate our compost. Loose tea leaves can go in the green bin.



### Tip 8 | All bags, packets and wrappers

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Soft plastics go in the red bin. This is any plastic you can easily scrunch or bend – plastic bags, cling film, courier bags, bubble wrap, chip packets, frozen food bags, biscuit trays, sushi trays, bread bags, chocolate bar wrappers and plastic ties.



### Tip 9 | All lids and small plastic items

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Bottle tops and lids of ANY size or material go in the red bin. They're too small or flat to be separated by machinery at recycling plants, and will contaminate the recycling if they go in the yellow bin.



### Tip 10 | All biodegradable and compostable packaging

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Compostable packaging, including biodegradable plastics and packaging products, go in the red bin. Due to a lack of national standards for compostable packaging, we cannot guarantee that these products will fully break down into plastic-free compost. They must go into the red bin.



### Not sure what bin to put your item in?

Look up hundreds of items with the Christchurch Bins app or use the tool on our website to find out which bin your item goes in or where to take items that don't go in your bins at home.

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