



# Tips to bin good!

## Tip #1 | All bags, packets and wrappers

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Soft plastics go in the red bin. This is any plastic you can easily crunch or bend in your hand. For example: 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 #2 | All lids

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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 sort properly and if they go in the yellow bin, they will contaminate the recycling.

## Tip #3 | Food soiled paper and cardboard

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Food-soiled or small pieces of cardboard and paper go in the green bin. For example: pizza boxes, fish and chip paper, paper towels, tissues and shredded paper. Please remove all packaging tape before putting the item in the green bin.

## Tip #4 | Clean plastic bottles and containers #1, 2 and 5

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Only clean, lidless, hard plastic bottles and containers numbered 1, 2 and 5, can go in the yellow bin. They must be the size of an individual yoghurt pot or bigger but no larger than three litres. Don't squash them or put them into bags.

## Tip #5 | Bio and compostable packaging

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There are currently no national standards in New Zealand for labeling items as biodegradable or compostable (eg. bags and packaging). This means we cannot guarantee all brands will breakdown into plastic-free compost. They also often take longer than the 12 weeks it takes us to turn the contents of your green bin into compost. Please home compost, or put in the red bin.



## Tip #6 | Liquid cartons

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Food or liquid cartons go in the red bin. For example: juice, yoghurt, soy milk cartons. These items contain foil, and can't be recycled as cardboard.



## Tip #7 | Tins and cans

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Drink cans, metal tins and household aerosol cans are the only metal items that can go in your yellow bin. Remember to make sure they are clean and loose in the bin. Other metal items including tools, kitchen pots and pans, and household appliances can be dropped off for free at one of our three EcoDrop Recycling Centres. Alternatively put them in your red bin.



## Tip #8 | Polystyrene

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All polystyrene, regardless of shape or size, needs to go in your red bin.



## Tip #9 | Clean cardboard and paper

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Clean cardboard and paper, envelope size or larger, can go in the yellow bin. It's not essential to remove packaging tape but we would appreciate it.



## Tip #10 | Waterproofed paper and cardboard

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Any paper or cardboard that has a waterproof coating needs to go in the red bin. For example: till receipts, disposable coffee cups, milk cartons, noodle boxes and fast food drink cups.



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

Look up 100s of items with the Christchurch Bin app or use the look up tool on our website to find out which bin it goes in. Visit [ccc.govt.nz/lookupitem](https://ccc.govt.nz/lookupitem)

For alternatives and waste minimisation tips, visit: [ccc.govt.nz/other-recycling](https://ccc.govt.nz/other-recycling)