

Canterbury Reuse and Recycling Takeback Schemes Guide

Where to take your hard-to-recycle and hazardous household items for free

Glass kitchenware and home décor

We can't recycle these as the glass is different to the glass in bottles and jars. Drop them at your local [second-hand shop](#). If they are chipped or broken, wrap them and put them in your rubbish.



Drink and liquid cartons

We are not set up to recycle cartons, as they require specialised processing. Put these in your rubbish or visit [Saveboard NZ's](#) website for drop-off locations.

Polystyrene

Polystyrene needs careful handling and special processing. Drop it off at your local [Resource Recovery Centre](#), or nearest [Mitre 10*](#).



*check that your local store accepts polystyrene

Lightbulbs

Most [Mitre 10](#) stores collect a range of lightbulbs for specialised recycling.



Soft plastic packaging

Soft plastics e.g. bread bags, chip packets and bubble wrap, can get caught in our recycling machinery. Some [supermarkets](#) collect clean, soft plastic items for recycling. Check with your local supermarket, if nothing is available in your area, put them in your rubbish.



Gas bottles and canisters

Never put gas bottles or canisters in your kerbside bins. Even if empty, they are hazardous. Take to your [Local Resource Recovery Centre](#) for safe disposal.



Eyeglasses

Take eyeglasses and contact lens blister packs to [your local optometrist](#) for reuse and recycling.



Batteries

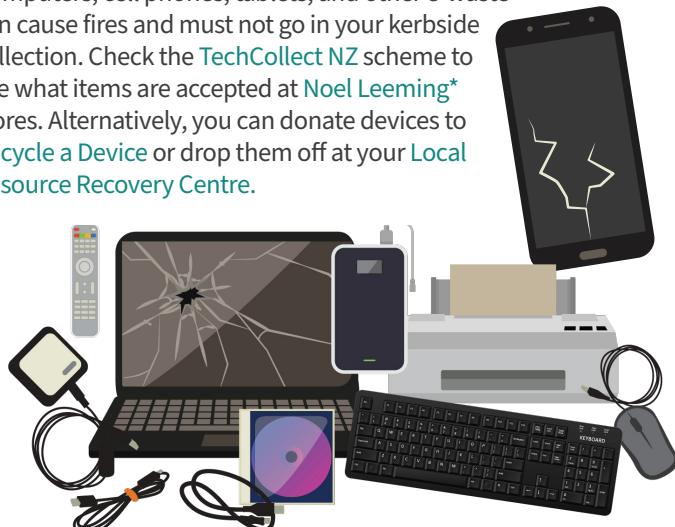
Never put batteries or anything that has a battery in your kerbside collection, as they can cause a fire. Drop these at your [Local Resource Recovery Centre](#), [Bunnings*](#) or [Mitre 10*](#).



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Cell phones, computers and other e-waste

Computers, cell phones, tablets, and other e-waste can cause fires and must not go in your kerbside collection. Check the [TechCollect NZ](#) scheme to see what items are accepted at [Noel Leeming*](#) stores. Alternatively, you can donate devices to [Recycle a Device](#) or drop them off at your [Local Resource Recovery Centre](#).



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Lids

Containers must be lidless to go in the recycling, and all lids must go in the rubbish. Alternatively, the *Caps & Lids*



Recycling Scheme collect lids across Canterbury, including at several **New World*** supermarkets.

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Cosmetics

Takeback scheme **TerraCycle** and some cosmetic stores collect empty cosmetic containers (mascara tubes and wands, makeup, lipsticks, haircare and skincare products).



Plant pots

We can't recycle these as they can't be included in food-grade recycled plastics. **Bunnings** and **Mitre 10** stores collect and recycle these.

Metal tools, home appliances, car parts and scrap

We can only recycle food and drink cans as all other metal items can cause breakdowns in our machinery. Take your other metal to your **Local Resource Recovery Centre**, scrap metal dealer or second-hand shop.



Clothing

No fabric item can go in the recycling. Clothing of good, reusable quality may be accepted by **second-hand shops**. Items must be dry, free from rips, stains and fading.



Fabric shopping bags

These are accepted at most **second-hand shops** if in a clean, reusable condition.



Curtains

Clean and usable curtains may be accepted at most **second-hand shops**.



Sheets and towels

The **SPCA**, **Dog Watch** and **veterinary clinics** may accept these, depending on demand.

Sports equipment

Most second-hand shops accept sports equipment in good condition. Alternatively, if you donate it to the **Gear Up Ōtautahi** programme they will distribute it to children to participate in sport.

