

Waste services

Waikato Regional Council doesn't provide waste disposal services but can help you find options to safely recycle or dispose of waste. For ideas to reduce your waste, see waikatoregion.govt.nz/waste-reduction.

Your local district or city council looks after kerbside rubbish and recycling, please consult their website or contact them about any issues or queries you may have regarding this service.

This list is not exhaustive. To suggest additions, please contact wasteprevention@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Please note, Waikato Regional Council does not support or endorse any organisation listed.

Material	Examples of providers	Locations
<p>Asbestos Asbestos is a hazardous building material, requiring qualified asbestos removers and specialist disposal facilities. Refuse transfer stations cannot accept asbestos. Find out more here. Make sure you check a contractor's current asbestos removal licence before engaging them.</p>	<p>Licence holder register WorkSafe</p>	<p>NZ wide</p>
<p>Batteries - car Car batteries can be dropped at some recycling centres, transfer stations and vehicle auto electrical workshops or garages</p>	<p>Store Finder Battery Town</p>	<p>Locations throughout the region</p>
	<p>Battery Recycling (mitre10.co.nz)</p>	<p>Selected Mitre 10 stores</p>
	<p>simsacificmetals.co.nz</p>	<p>Various locations</p>
	<p>xtremezerowaste.org.nz</p>	<p>Raglan</p>
	<p>seagullcentre.co.nz</p>	<p>Thames</p>
	<p>Battery Recycling (mitre10.co.nz)</p>	<p>Selected Mitre 10 stores will take car batteries</p>

	Some scrap metal dealers will take car batteries	Ask your local scrap metal dealer
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take batteries. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details
Batteries – hearing aid Some audiology clinics provide a battery recycling box, that you deliver back when full. In the Waikato region, Bay Audiology provides this service.	bayaudiology.co.nz/hearing-aids/hearing-aid-batteries	Many providers across the Waikato region
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take batteries. Contact them first to check
Batteries - household	Bunnings New Zealand	Selected Bunnings stores
	Battery Recycling (mitre10.co.nz)	Selected Mitre 10 stores
	xtremezerowaste.org.nz	Raglan
	realclean.co.nz/battery_recycling.php	Various locations
	seagullcentre.co.nz	Thames
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take batteries. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details
Batteries - laptop	recycleit.co.nz/services/	Thames
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take laptop batteries. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
Batteries - power tools	Battery Recycling (mitre10.co.nz)	Selected Mitre 10 stores will take tool batteries.
Books	Second hand stores may take them	
	If they are soft covered books, they could be recycled with paper recycling.	
	Search for second-hand book dealers.	

	Some community groups have annual book fairs you could donate to.	
Building materials	Check with your closest resource recovery centre.	
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take building materials. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
	List on your local community page. Someone else could reuse them.	
	demolitiontraders.co.nz	Hamilton
	waikatodemolition.co.nzp	Hamilton
Campervan grey water Self-contained campervans need to empty their waste. There are a few ways to find the nearest dump station.	AA map	NZ wide
	Camper Mate app	
	Camping NZ app	
	Thames Coromandel District Council	Thames and Coromandel sites
	Hamilton City Council	Hamilton
	Waikatodistrict.govt.nz	Te Kauwhata, Tuakau, Ngāruawāhia and Raglan
	Waitomo District Council	Te Kuiti
	South Waikato District	Tirau, Putāruru and Tokoroa sites
	Hauraki District Council	Paeroa, Waihi and Ngātea and Waharau
	Waipa District Council	Cambridge
	Matamata Piako District Council	Morrinsville, Te Aroha and Matamata
	Taupō District Council	Taupō and Kinloch

Cardboard	Small quantities of cardboard can be placed in your kerbside recycling.	
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take building materials. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
	Commercial quantities can be collected from your premises either as a one-off or an ongoing collection.	
Child car seats Child car seats have expiry dates. They also need to be disposed of if damaged. Instead of sending them to landfill, they can be recycled.	SeatSmart Waikato Collection Sites	Collection points across the Waikato region.
Car parts	Scrap metal dealers may take metal components.	
	Vehicle wreckers can take vehicles.	
Chemicals	See hazardous waste section	
Clothing Second-hand stores can accept clean, tidy second-hand clothing. You can also attend clothing swaps, share clothes with friends and family, or sell them online. Worn out clothing can be used as rags and cleaning cloths.	Op Shop Directory NZ	Promoting a variety of stores Waikato wide
	Habitat ReStores	Hamilton and Te Awamutu
	hospicewaikato.org.nz/en/shop-locations	Cambridge, Fairfield, Frankton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Morrinsville, Te Awamutu, Thames and Waikato University
	Red Cross shops	Five Cross Roads, Frankton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Morrinsville, Taupō and Te Awamutu
	Retail stores	Frankton, Hauraki Plains, Huntly, Paeroa, Te Awamutu, Waihi, Whangamatā and Whitianga

	savemart.cnz	Frankton
	St Vincent de Paul Shops	Chartwell, Frankton and Tokoroa
	The Salvation Army	Cambridge, Dinsdale, Enderley, Hamilton East, Hamilton Central, Matamata, Taupō, Te Aroha, Te Awamutu, Te Rapa, Thames, Tokoroa and Waihi
	xtremezerowaste.org.nz	Raglan
	https://stmarkstearoha.weebly.com/opportunity-shop.html	Te Aroha
Coffee Capsules	TerraCycle	
Construction and deconstruction waste	See building waste section	
E-waste Such as computers and other electronic devices.	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take e-waste. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
	e-cycle.co.nz	NZ wide
	xtremezerowaste.org.nz	Raglan
	Urbanminers	Cambridge
	recycleit.co.nz	Hamilton
Food scraps	Some councils provide kerbside collection of kitchen scraps, more councils will start to provide this service as it will soon be a requirement.	See your local council link at the end of the table.
	Food scraps can be composted or used in worm farms at home.	
	Some community gardens allow household food scraps to be dropped off for composting.	Check community gardens in your area.

	ShareWaste NZ	See if there is a community collection point in your area.
	Living Compost Hubs	
Florescent tubes Florescent tubes contain mercury and need to be correctly disposed of.	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take florescent tubes. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
	Advanced Recycling Interwaste	
	xtremezerowaste.org.nz	Raglan
Glass Note that broken glass and flat glass (such as window glass) should go in your rubbish bin	Most councils provide kerb side collection of glass bottles from households.	
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take glass. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
	Commercial quantities can be collected by commercial operators, who can provide bins for filling. Fees will apply.	
Green waste	Commercial operators can collect from your home as a one off or as an ongoing service.	
	You can compost greenwaste at home or use as mulch.	There is a lot of online advice about how to compost.
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take green waste. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
Hair product aerosols	TerraCycle	
Hazardous waste Many hazardous substances can be found around the home. It's important that we	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take house-hold hazardous waste. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.

<p>recognise what substances may be hazardous, and use and dispose of them correctly. These products include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adhesives and glues • asbestos • batteries – including household and car batteries • cleaning fluids – such as oven and drain cleaners • dyes – such as fabric and hair dyes • fuels – for example, petrol and oil • garden chemicals such as herbicides, fungicides and insecticides • lead-based paints • oils – such as engine oil, brake fluid and coolants • paints • solvents – such as mineral turpentine 	<p>Some councils hold household hazardous waste drop off days. Check with your local council.</p>	
<p>Household items and furniture Some community groups and second-hand stores will collect unwanted, reusable household items such as furniture, for selling on. You can also drop them to resource recovery facilities.</p>	<p>See second hand store listings above</p> <p><u>Lion Shed</u></p> <p>Resource recovery centres</p> <p><u>Habitat for Humanity New Zealand</u></p> <p><u>xtremezerowaste.org.nz</u></p> <p><u>seagullcentre.co.nz</u></p>	<p>Cambridge</p> <p>Various locations</p> <p>Raglan</p> <p>Thames</p>
<p>Lead-based paint</p>	<p>See hazardous waste</p>	

<p>Lids Plastic bottle tops and metal jar and bottle tops can't be put in your recycling bin as they can damage the recycling sorting machines.</p>	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take lids. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
<p>Light bulbs</p>	Lightbulb Recycling Mitre 10	
<p>Metal – cans</p>	Your local council will provide kerb-side collection of metal cans from households.	Note that aerosol containers are excluded from kerbside recycling collections.
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take metal cans. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
<p>Metal – car body</p>	Scrap metal dealers	
<p>Metal – scrap metal</p>	Scrap metal dealers	Scrap metal dealers will take car bodies, roofing iron, steel cabinets, steel pie, bicycle parts, fridges, freezers, washing machines, copper, lead, wheel rims, household wiring and drinks cans, as well as car and truck batteries.
<p>Paint Paint is considered a hazardous waste and must be disposed of correctly.</p>	Leftover paint that can be reused. It can be donated to local charities and some resource recovery centres.	Contact your local centre.
	See hazardous waste	
<p>Paint cans - empty</p>	Completely empty paint cans can be put in your rubbish bin.	
<p>Paper</p>	Your local council will provide kerbside collection of paper from households	
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take paper. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.
<p>Pet food packaging</p>	TerraCycle	

Plastic plant pots	Pot Recycling Mitre 10	
	Bunnings New Zealand	
	Some garden centres accept used plant pots	
Razorblades and packaging	TerraCycle	
Soft plastics	Soft Plastics Recycling	You can drop off household amounts of clean, dry soft plastics at collection points across the region.
Polystyrene – home quantity	EXPOL Recycling Cubes Mitre 10	
Toothbrushes and toothpaste Oral care products such as toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss containers, plastic toothbrush packaging.	TerraCycle	
Rural and agricultural waste	Reduce farm and rural waste	
Tetrapacks Drinks cartons that have been opened, washed and dried can be dropped off for recycling.	SaveBOARD NZ	
Tyres Tyres should not be stockpiled or burnt.	Tyre Recycling	Waikato-wide
	tyrerecyclingwaikato.co.nz	
	TerraCycle	
Vapes	Vape Recycling NZ VapeCycle	
	TerraCycle	
Whiteware - broken	Scrap metal dealers often accept whiteware	
	To find your council transfer and recycling stations, see the local council links at the end of the table.	Some local transfer stations take whitewear. Contact them first to check. Your local council will have their details.

Whiteware - working	See household items and furniture above.	
Other items	TerraCycle	Many hard to recycle products can be recycled for free via Terracycle. They recycle a wide range of popular brands.
Local council link See your local council link for information specific to your area. Services vary and may include kerbside waste and recycling, kerbside organic collections, transfer stations, drop off of e-waste, household hazardous waste, vehicles and tyres.	Hamilton City Council	Rubbish & Recycling
	Hauraki District Council	Rubbish & Recycling
	Matamata-Piako District Council	Rubbish & Recycling
	Otorohanga District Council	Refuse & Recycling
	Rotorua Lakes Council	Rubbish and Recycling
	South Waikato District Council	Waste facilities opening hours
	Taupo District Council	Rubbish, recycling and waste
	Thames - Coromandel District Council	Rubbish and Recycling
	Waikato District Council	Rubbish and recycling
	Waipa District Council	Rubbish and recycling
Waitomo District Council	Solid Waste Management (Collection and disposal)	