

What we collect for reuse & recycling:

<p>Bread bags</p>	<p>These are just the right size for our kindy to use as nappy bags and wet bags. Please shake out your crumbs and take other soft plastics to the collection points at local supermarkets (e.g. New World Paremata, Pak N Save Kapiti).</p> <p>If you're not sure what can be accepted, check here: https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/faqs (chip packets are ok!).</p>
<p>Plastic lids/caps – labelled 2 or 5 only</p>	<p>Please make sure your plastics are cleaned, dried and separated (into 2 and 5) for drop off day. Remove any waxy paper inserts.</p> <p>If there isn't a number on the lid, then we can't accept it (please check – many medicine bottle and squeeze bottle lids don't have this)</p> <p><u>What plastic items we accept:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Plastic hinge caps and screw caps lids (any colour) ✓ Plastic milk bottle caps ✓ Plastic contact lense packaging without foil ✓ Yoghurt pot lids <p><u>What we can't recycle:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Any plastics labelled type 1, 3, 4, 6 or 7 ✗ Any other small plastic items that aren't labelled as type 2 or 5 e.g. food pouch lids, dip lids, coffee cup lids ✗ Plastic lids with a thermal seal inside (this often looks like a blue or white layer inside the lid) ✗ Plastic lids with waxy paper inserts (please remove if you can, we can still recycle the lid) <p>Plastic lids collected are delivered to the Sustainability Trust, from there they are sent to Aotearoa NZ Made.</p>
<p>Metal lids / small items</p>	<p>What small metal items we accept (note that plastic seals don't need to be removed from these):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Crown caps e.g. beer bottle caps ✓ Metal screw bottle tops ✓ Wire from sparkling wine ✓ Metal jar lids ✓ Ring-pull caps

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tin lids ✓ Clean tin foil ✓ Other small metal items (e.g. scissors, drink bottles) – if they fit in a supermarket shopping bag they can be accepted. See a more complete list here: https://sustaintrust.org.nz/our-recycling-programmes/metal-recycling. <p>Safety first - please wrap sharp bits up in a container, old cloth or newspaper.</p> <p>Metal collected is delivered to the Sustainability Trust, from there it is sent to McAuley Metals for recycling.</p> <p>Alternative: Trash Palace, near Spicer Landfill on Broken Hill Road, also collect metal items for recycling.</p>
<p>Batteries</p>	<p>Accepted batteries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithium ion (eg. rechargeable batteries). Please wrap these in tape. • Nickel cadmium and alkaline batteries: AA, AAA, 9V, C, D, N • Zinc air (eg. camera batteries) • Silver zinc (eg. laptop and hearing aid batteries) • Other household batteries • Mobile phone batteries <p>Not accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaking or damaged batteries • Car or truck batteries <p>Please tape lithium battery terminals (rechargeable batteries) and any coin cell batteries.</p> <p>To avoid accumulating many batteries (which may then leak and be unsuitable for recycling), aim to drop them off regularly and in small numbers.</p> <p>Alternative: Used household batteries can be dropped off for free at the following Council buildings during open hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porirua City Centre Library – 17 Parumoana St • Porirua City Council Customer Service Centre – 16 Cobham Court • Cannons Creek Pool – 170 Bedford St <p>Accepted batteries include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lithium-ion (used in laptops, mobile phones, tools) • alkaline, dry cell and zinc (used in flashlights, radios, remote controls, smoke detectors) • button cell/coin (used in watches, hearing aids) • nickel-cadmium (used in portable electronics, tools, toys).

	<p>Bunnings Porirua also have a collection box in their entrance. See more information about this service on their webpage.</p> <p>Trash Palace also collect car batteries.</p>
<p>Tetrapaks</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut along the top and side of the carton. Note - leave the lid on 2. Completely open the carton up 3. Rinse clean <p>Tetrapaks are taken to the recycling station at Spicer Landfill, then processed in Hamilton to create the building material saveBOARD.</p>

Other reuse and recycling services:

Porirua City Council A to Z of recycling and reuse – check out this comprehensive list of local options for recycling and reuse:

<https://poriruacity.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/other-recycling/>

This includes options for textiles, aerosols, e-waste and household items, among others.

Raumati Repair Café – take along your broken items to see if the volunteers can help repair items or provide advice on repair. They can help with a range of items from clothing to bikes and electronics.

Check out their [webpage](#) for upcoming dates, and what volunteers/repairs will be on offer.

E-waste – can be taken to Trash Palace at Spicer Landfill, or [Te Aro Waste](#) (operated by Sustainability Trust).

Lightbulbs – Mitre 10 Porirua have a collection point within the store (near the lighting section). They will accept any traditional, typical household bulbs, be that Fluorescent or LED (but not broken bulbs). More information on [this webpage](#).

Textiles – if your textiles are really beyond repair or not useful to another then Little Yellow Bird operate a textile recycling scheme for natural fibres. More information on [this webpage](#). As a first point of call, if the item can be reused, clean it and drop off to one of the local second hand shops.