

WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Put waste in the right place



PROJECTS 2023

New weighbridge for Hanmer Springs Transfer Station

Works constructing the weighbridge at Hanmer Springs transfer station are underway. The weighbridge is in place, and the office will be installed shortly. Further information will be out to the local community soon.

Household battery recycling

There is plenty of energy around battery recycling in Hurunui. The total weight of household batteries recycled from July 2022 to mid December was 370kg. The total weight from July 2021 to the end of June 2022 was 450kg. To read more, [Click here](#)

Glass bottles and jars - recycle them

Clean glass bottles and jars can be recycled for free at all Council transfer stations, please remember to remove all caps and lids prior to arrival.

Running an event?

Did you know Council has an [Events Waste Reduction Guide](#) which offers advice and ways to reduce waste before, during and after the event?



Hanmer Springs weighbridge:

Good progress is being made on the weighbridge at Hanmer Springs transfer station.

Transfer Station Opening Hours



To view our transfer station opening hours, please [click here](#)

Free paint available

Paint is available at all transfer stations for no charge, just ask the staff on site.

Every year, between 8 and 10 tonnes is collected for re-use from the transfer stations.



Ten helpful hints when recycling in Hurunui

#1 Contaminated food packaging cannot be recycled:

Dirty recycling could potentially contaminate other recycling, so help Hurunui maintain its excellent contamination rate by rinsing recycling and keeping it clean. In December 2022 the contamination level recorded at EcoCentral for the District's recycling was 0.89% – a fantastic achievement, thank you!

#2 Via the transfer stations and recycling bags, remember the following criteria when recycling clean rigid plastic bottles and containers (no lids):

Numbered 1 – soft drink bottles, numbered 2 – milk bottles, numbered 5 – yoghurt and ice cream containers.

#3 Cardboard and paper for recycling:

Remove packaging tape and plastic strapping. Wrapping paper is not recyclable, and to be recycled paper needs to be larger than a standard envelope (11cm x 22cm).

#4 Food waste is not recyclable via the recycling bags or transfer station:

However, Council sells a choice of [bokashi food waste composting kits](#) via Amberley Transfer Station and the libraries, at a discounted price.

#5 Is polystyrene recyclable?

Not via our transfer stations, but some Mitre 10 stores in partnership with EXPOL have a [free household polystyrene recycling scheme](#).

#6 Soft plastics (those that you can scrunch in your hand), cannot be recycled via the recycling bags or any transfer station: Soft plastics recycling is available in Rangiora and Christchurch through a choice of locations provided by [Soft Plastics Recycling Scheme](#).

#7 Can green waste can be recycled in Hurunui? Yes. Green waste via [Amberley, Cheviot and Hanmer Springs](#) transfer stations is mulched, so must be free of non-acceptable materials. Grass is not accepted due to spray risk, plus it creates a fire risk when it heats in storage.

#8 Scrap metal (including aerosols) and whiteware is accepted at Amberley transfer station for no charge: At all other transfer stations there is a small charge to cover the additional transportation costs.

To be accepted for recycling – Rusty metal is not accepted, small volumes of wire only and must be clean of contamination, keep metal separate from other recycling. Let the staff know on arrival if you have metal to drop off and they will direct you to the appropriate recycling area.

#9 Are lightbulbs and lighting tubes recyclable?

Unbroken light bulbs and tubes can be recycled via any transfer station by handing them to staff.

#10 Empty kerbside recycling bags are recyclable; via the [Agrecovery LDPE bag recycling scheme](#) so please ensure recycling is always clean and dry to enable the used bags to be repurposed.

Remember....if in doubt, throw it out. This will avoid contaminating other recycling.

Divert re-usable items from landfill and help local causes

Unwanted cell phones

Cell phones can be recycled for free via the [RE:MOBILE Project](#) using the [Freepost address](#). This is an environmentally friendly option, and for every phone recycled, RE:MOBILE will donate to the Sustainable Coastlines project.



Re-usable items

Before bringing unwanted items to the transfer stations, consider whether they could be donated to a charity shop or op shop. Details of local options are provided on the [Council's website](#).

Wine Bottle Lids for Kidney Kids

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off aluminium wine bottle lids to our transfer stations or libraries.

These have been passed onto Amberley Lions for recycling, with the income donated to Kidney Kids NZ.

Over the last 12 months, the equivalent of 25 sacks of wine bottle lids have been received and donated.