

Waste Awareness Newsletter

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LANDFILL OUR LAST CHOICE



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Image: Hastings District Council

BATTERY FIRE AT TRANSFER STATION

Henderson Road Transfer Station was closed briefly on 2 February due to a fire in the pit area. Fire crews controlled and put out the fire. The fire is believed to have been caused by a lithium-ion battery and was one of a series of fires that have occurred at waste facilities in Hawke's Bay over recent months.

It's a good reminder to keep batteries and electronics out of your rubbish bin and dispose of them at a designated collection point. For electronics or appliances with rechargeable batteries inside, drop them off for recycling at Henderson Road Transfer Station ([charges may apply](#)).

Free recycling is available for household batteries like AA, 9V or hearing aid batteries at: Havelock North Library, Flaxmere Library, transfer stations and council's Customer Services at 207 Lyndon Road East, Hastings. Car batteries can also be dropped off for free recycling at a [transfer station](#). [Noel Leeming Napier](#) also accepts laptops, cameras, printers and computer accessories for free recycling.

NB: Hastings District Council doesn't accept lithium-ion batteries for recycling as we don't have access to a recycling service for this type of battery. We recommend you contact the retailer you purchased the item from for a disposal option. We will update the community if a recycling service becomes available.



HELP SHAPE WASTE MINIMISATION IN OUR REGION

We're about to start the process of reviewing our Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP).

All city and district councils are required to have a formal plan for managing waste, with goals and actions for how the district will reduce its waste.

The current Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for Hasting District and Napier City Councils was completed in 2018 and expires this year. Due to the cyclone, we were granted a one-year extension to have our new plan finalised. You will have the chance to contribute your ideas for reducing waste. Stay tuned for more updates in our future newsletters. In the meantime, read more about the [WMMP here](#).

LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY BUSINESSES

Hawke's Bay is home to some great organisations working in the sustainability space.

[Check out this article](#) from BayBuzz.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ON FOOD WASTE

Last month we introduced Every Bite, a national food waste prevention initiative dedicated to reducing household food waste by 10% across Aotearoa. The project is a collaborative effort led by the [Zero Waste Network](#) and [Environment Hubs Aotearoa](#).

Sustainable HB has completed its first very successful trial run of the programme and is now ready to reach out to families and communities around Hastings for participation in the next round. It is looking for individuals and groups who would like to learn about reducing food waste and therefore reducing their food bills. Participants come together in groups to share kai and acquire practical skills and resources that help them prevent food waste effectively and creatively!

If this interests you, join the mission to reduce food waste. Sign up [here](#) or contact danielle@environmentcentre.org.nz or 06 8704942 for more details.

every bite

FOOD WASTE PREVENTION

Image: Zero Waste Network

NATIONAL WASTE NEWS



Image: Recycle A Device

RECYCLE A DEVICE – LAPTOPS WANTED!

There are three cool reasons why Recycle A Device is rad! First, it gets laptops into the hands of those who need them most. Second, the initiative develops STEM skills of rangatahi (young people). And third, it diverts e-waste from landfill, and gives it a second life!

If you or your workplace has laptops which are no longer in use, donate them to RAD. These laptops are repaired and then gifted to rangatahi who need them for school, work or to learn new skills. It's an environmentally friendly, sustainable and socially minded way to make sure everyone has the skills and education they'll need for the future.

It's easy to donate! Head to recycleadevice.nz to find out more.



REDUCE FOOD WASTE: BUY LOOSE

Food Waste Action Week is happening 18 – 24 March. We're encouraging you to "Choose What You'll Use" by buying your fruit and vegetables loose instead of packaged.

Research from Love Food Hate Waste has shown that we could reduce food waste by up to 14,000 tonnes just by buying loose apples, bananas and potatoes. Sometimes we are in the mood for a huge potato, and sometimes we just need one apple for our porridge. Why let the rest go to waste? Choose loose and you don't have to. Find out more on their new website here:

www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz



A new product stewardship scheme will help reduce the environmental impact of end-of-life tyres.

[Read more here](#)

NEW LANDFILL KIOSK BUILDING OPENED

On Friday 16 February a karakia (whakawātea) was held at Ōmarunui Landfill to mark the completion of works on the new landfill kiosk building. The previous kiosk building and weigh bridge sustained significant damage during the floods from Cyclone Gabrielle and the team was operating out of a small porta-cabin while they waited for the new kiosk to be built.

Members of HDC's waste and landfill teams were at the sunrise blessing. Karakia were recited by Ngāti Pārau Hapū member Te Kaha Hawaikirangi.

Karakia are a formula of words recited, or delivered, for a specific purpose. Whakawātea is a process of clearing a space of its previous energy and instilling the energy of the new space

Kiosk staff are very pleased to now be working in a more fit-for-purpose building.



Got a question about waste? Email us at reducewaste@hdc.govt.nz

TAKE NOTE

[HazMobile](#)

Sunday 3 March 2024

Location advised when booking

HDC and NCC's annual household hazardous waste collection day.

Dispose of garden chemicals, household chemicals, paint, oil and other hazardous items.

Bookings essential.

Go to the [HazMobile webpage](#) to book a time slot.

[Repair Café Hastings](#)

Sunday 10 March, 1pm – 4pm

Flaxmere College Hall,

42 Henderson Road, Flaxmere, Hastings

Free entry. Koha for drinks, baking and repairs.

Bring along your small broken household items to be repaired by the team of dedicated volunteers.

Repairing clothing, textiles, fashion jewellery, household items, electrical, toys, knife sharpening, small furniture and selected IT/computers.

See Facebook for more info: Repair Café Hastings.

The team is always looking for volunteers for these types of repairs as well as greeting and coordinating.

Get in touch via rch@outlook.co.nz

[SeaWeek](#)

2 – 10 March 2024

See the full range of local events that celebrate the sea [here](#).

Events include an art exhibition, beach clean ups, a talk on kororā (little penguins), a biodiversity forum, a documentary screening and "be a water scientist" hands-on workshops.

[My Walk in Wardrobe](#)

**Sustainable Fashion Market
Sunday 24 March, 10am – 2pm**

Toitōi – Functions on Hastings,
101 Hastings Street South, Hastings

Gold coin entry

Buy and sell preloved, vintage, upcycled and handmade – clothing, shoes, jewellery and accessories.

[Easter kerbside changes](#)

There will be no rubbish and recycling collections on Good Friday, 29 March 2024.

If your normal collection day is Friday, your collection will be on Saturday 30 March instead.

Residents impacted are:

Recycling: Parkvale, Mayfair and southern Havelock North

Rubbish: Akina, St Leonard's, Brookvale, Whirinaki

No change to rubbish and recycling collections on Easter Monday, 1 April 2024.

WHERE HASTINGS' RECYCLING GOES

The media has shared a lot of articles recently about standardisation of kerbside recycling, which means that the same items are being collected across New Zealand. But that doesn't mean it all ends up in the same place. We take a look at where Hastings' recycling goes and learn what to do with lids.

PLASTIC AND CANS:

The plastics (numbered 1, 2 and 5) and cans are transported to Masterton for sorting in a materials recovery facility. These materials are sold locally and internationally. For example, clear PET plastics (#1) generally go to a number of plastic manufacturers in NZ like Flight Plastics in Wellington and are made into fruit punnets or meat trays.

Cans are generally sold to other countries where there is more demand for these metals.



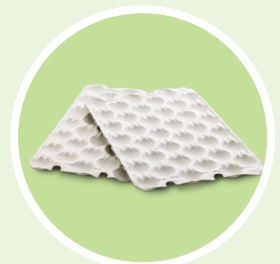
GLASS:

Glass goes to the Visy recycling company in Auckland. Visy processes the glass into new bottles and jars. Within about four weeks, the glass can be back in a retail store as a new bottle or jar.



PAPER:

Paper goes to Hawk Packaging in Whakatū where it is made into fruit trays. It gets processed straight away on the same day it is collected from your crate!



THE LOWDOWN ON LIDS

Can I put lids in kerbside recycling?

No, lids can't go in the recycling. This includes any plastic lids from bottles and containers like margarine or ice cream containers, and metal lids from glass bottles. Spray bottle tops also can't go in the recycling.

Why not?

Lids and items smaller than 5cm are difficult to sort because they are small and/or flat, so they fall through the screening machines. Ice cream container lids are flat, so sorting equipment can't identify them correctly and they end up contaminating other recycling streams. Spray bottle tops are made from a combination of different plastics which aren't easily separated.

What you can do with them:

For plastic lids, there is no current collection point in Hawke's Bay. Unfortunately, for now, they must go in the rubbish bin.

For metal lids, you can collect them up and take them to Sustainable HB at 201 Southland Road, Hastings. Separate them into aluminium lids (eg. wine bottle screw tops) and magnetic metals (beer bottle caps and jar lids).

For more information, [check out the Ministry for the Environment website](#).

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