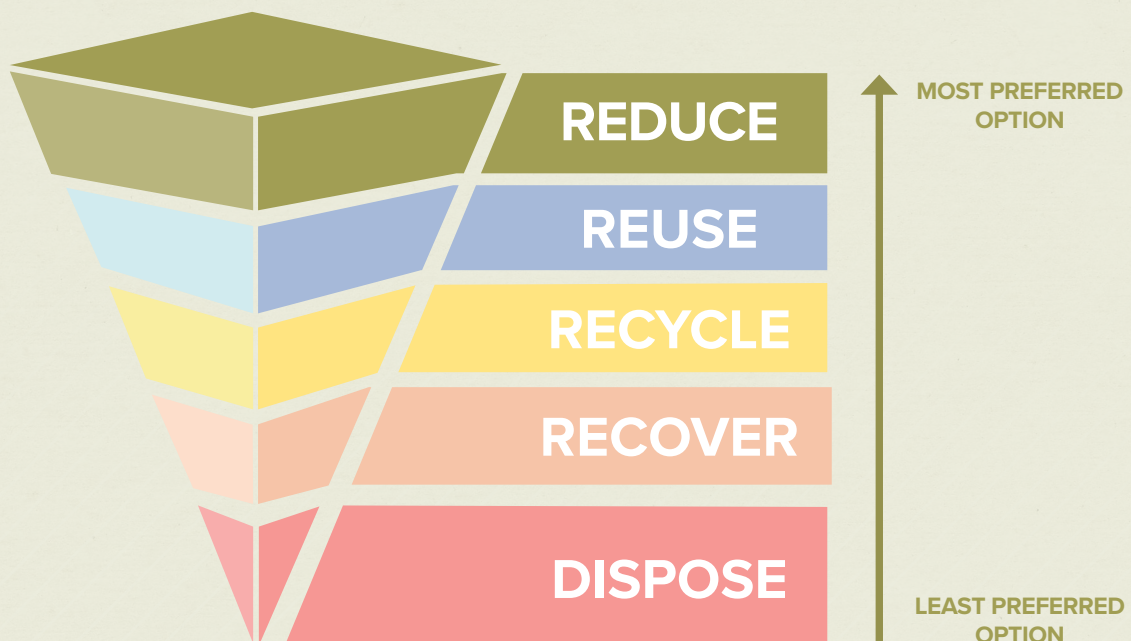




# REDUCING WASTE

IN YOUR COMMUNITY,  
HOUSEHOLD AND FARM

## THE WASTE HIERARCHY







# TOP TIPS

**WASTE ISN'T ALWAYS RUBBISH**  
- IT CAN BE SOLD, REUSED,  
AND REPURPOSED

**START SMALL - ONE NEW ACTION**  
EVERY MONTH WILL RESULT IN  
GREAT CHANGE OVER TIME

**START WITH EASY WINS AND DO**  
THEM TOGETHER AS A TEAM  
- LIKE FARM TIDY FRIDAY!

**REWARD YOUR FAMILY AND STAFF FOR GREAT RECYCLING, REUSE OR REDUCE BEHAVIOURS**  
- PICK UP FISH AND CHIPS AS A THANK YOU FOR THEIR GREAT EFFORTS

## SYSTEMS ARE KEY TO SUCCESS

- Make it easier to recycle than put in a bin – put boxes or calf meal bags in a 'recycling' spot, where they are easy to grab and recycle when you head into town
- Clearly label your recycling containers so no rubbish gets in them
- Make a dedicated spot in your shed to dry out your bale wrap, and make a time each week to pack your liner well.

## THE CLEANER THE WASTE ITEM IS, THE BETTER IT IS

Rinse household recycling and try not to mix any rubbish with your recycling as it CONTAMINATES it.

## LOOK FOR PRODUCTS THAT ARE MORE EASILY RECYCLABLE OR REUSABLE, OR HAVE LESS PACKAGING

REDUCE is the best behaviour we can have.

## MARK CONTAMINATED LAND SITES ON YOUR FARM MAP

So that in the future people don't look for water sources or go to build near an old farm landfill -

<https://www.es.govt.nz/environment/pollution-and-waste/contaminated-land>

## REUSE AND REPAIR

Know a good repair person? Or even Google can sometimes show you how to fix things – it could be a simple repair job!

## FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO (OR NOT DO) WITH YOUR WASTE

Environment Southland Factsheets are an excellent resource -

<https://www.es.govt.nz/environment/pollution-and-waste/pollution-prevention-factsheets>

## ONLY BURN WHAT YOU SHOULD

Untreated timber, paper, cardboard or tree offcuts. All other items when they burn create ground leaching, possible carcinogens or offensive odours -

<https://www.es.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:26gi9ayo517q9stt81sd/hierarchy/environment/pollution-and-waste/industry-advice/documents/Outdoor%20burning%20web.pdf>

## WORK AS A COMMUNITY - WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE TOGETHER TO MAKE IT EASIER?

- Check out Terracycle <https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/>
- Work with your neighbours or local school
- Drop off good and working items at your local Transfer Station for someone else to pick up and use - <http://www.wastenet.org.nz/RecycleRubbish/FacilityList.aspx>

## CHECK OUT OUR LOCAL AND NATIONAL RECYCLING PROVIDERS WEBSITES:

### AGRECOVERY

<https://agrecovery.co.nz/>

### FARMSOURCE

<https://store.nzfarmsource.co.nz/campaigns/rubbish-to-reusable>

### RECYCLE SOUTH

<https://recyclesouth.org.nz/>

### PLASBACK

<https://plasback.co.nz/>

Local contractors are

**CMC Contracting**, Jaymee and Shari  
on 027 3177 482, 03 205 3765 and  
[cmcplasback@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cmcplasback@xtra.co.nz)

### THE GARAGE RE-USE SHOP

(supports Habitat for Humanity Invercargill)  
<https://www.thegarage.nz/>

### TERRACYCLE

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/>

### WASTENET SOUTHLAND

<http://wastenet.org.nz/>






# LOCAL TIPS AND INFORMATION

The following information came from attendees at four Southland Catchment Group 'Reduce Waste' interactive workshops with Trish Rankin in 2022.

We have checked the information at the time of going to print, but recommend checking the relevant website, Facebook page or calling ahead before you turn up with your recycling. You should also check any charges that may be associated with the recycling. For Plasback <https://plasback.co.nz/> please contact local contractor CMC Contracting on [cmclasback@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cmclasback@xtra.co.nz) or 027 3177 482 to discuss collection and costs.

## AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINERS


Can be recycled at:


 Agrecovery <https://agrecovery.co.nz/>

A product stewardship scheme for participating companies. Check if the agrichemical container e.g., drench or spray you buy has the Agrecovery logo on it. Products currently include 1-60 litre and 61-1000 litre pods. Containers must be triple rinsed and returned to a drop off location –

<https://agrecovery.co.nz/resources/sites-and-events/southland>


If you have a large number to recycle, they may be able to come to farm with their shredder to collect.


 Plasback <https://plasback.co.nz/>

 Recycle South <https://recyclesouth.org.nz/> to drop your Agri containers up to 200 litre drums.

## BALE WRAP

Please note bale wrap must be as clean as possible and packed into approved bags. Can be collected by:

 Plasback, <https://plasback.co.nz/>

 Or take to Recycle South's bale wrap processing site at 210 Branxholme Makarewa Road, Invercargill (open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 pm).

<https://recyclesouth.org.nz/balewrap.html>.

## CAR BATTERIES

Often collected as a school fundraiser e.g., Northern Southland College are collecting large (car plus) batteries, and Limehills School collect them via Saunders Automotive in Winton.

## HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

Did you know that one AA battery will contaminate 1.5m<sup>2</sup> around and are big land contaminants.

They can be stored in a container (like a large yoghurt pottle) and taken to your local Bunnings store for recycling. They accept single use and rechargeable household batteries, such as AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, 6V, Power tool batteries, button cell batteries and other handheld sized batteries that fit into the collection unit slot. Tape over the exposed battery terminal, or do top and bottom face for button cell batteries and keep the battery label information visible if you're not using clear tape.

<https://www.bunnings.co.nz/diy-advice/home-improvement/sustainability-recycling/where-and-how-to-recycle-batteries>

## CLOTHING

Take clean clothing and other household items, that are in good used condition, to second hand shops. If not in good condition, drop off at labelled collection bins to be turned into rags.

## CHEMICALS

If expired or has no label and less than 20 litres, you can drop off at your local Transfer Station in the hazardous waste shed -

<http://www.wastenet.org.nz/RecycleRubbish/FacilityList.aspx>


## COFFEE PODS

Dulce is part of Terracycle - <https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/>


## ECOLAB

Plasback will collect liner bags of Ecolab 20 litre, triple rinsed, or 200 litre drum Ecolab barrels.

## ELECTRONIC WASTE

 Recycle South can recycle some types of e-waste (please call and check if there is a charge) -

<https://www.recyclesouth.org.nz/ewaste.html>


 Wastenet Southland, <http://wastenet.org.nz/> has information on local options


## HEALTH PRODUCTS


Many companies, such as Gillette and Colgate, are part of Terracycle, <https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/>

## HDPE PLASTIC DRUMS

Can be recycled by:

 Agrecovery <https://agrecovery.co.nz/>


 Plasback <https://plasback.co.nz/>


 Recycle South <https://recyclesouth.org.nz/> recycle these.

## LDPE BAGS

(the ones that are 20-25kg and are shiny and repel water)

Can be recycled by:

 Agrecovery <https://agrecovery.co.nz/>

 Plasback <https://plasback.co.nz/>

 Recycle South <https://recyclesouth.org.nz/>





## LIGHT BULBS

Any unbroken traditional, typical household bulbs (fluorescent or LED) can be dropped off at Mitre 10 -

<https://www.mitre10.co.nz/lightbulbrecycling>

## NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD, HOUSEHOLD AND BUSINESS RECYCLING

You can drop off at Recycle South <https://recyclesouth.org.nz/>. Please phone or check their websites for more information.

## PAINT

Drop off for old tins and paints at Resene stores -

[https://www.resene.co.nz/comm/envissue/paintwise\\_information.htm](https://www.resene.co.nz/comm/envissue/paintwise_information.htm)

## PALLETS

You can reuse or repurpose compost bins, calf pens, hen houses, and can be great for kids to build with, e.g. create shelves/display cabinets.

Some companies offer a refund if these are returned.

Lions Clubs also offer a collection for some local companies.

## PALLET WRAP

You can drop off at Recycle South <https://recyclesouth.org.nz/>. Please phone or check their website for more information including any costs. Please keep separate from other types of plastic.

## PET FOOD BAGS

Check with your vets what they can recycle.

VetSouth can recycle Royal Canin and Eukanuba branded bags only.

## POLYPROP/FERTILISER BAGS

Can be collected by:



Plasback <https://plasback.co.nz/>



Taken to Recycle South <https://recyclesouth.org.nz/>

## POLYSTYRENE

Expanded polystyrene (EPS) from domestic use can be recycled at some Mitre 10 stores (includes Mitre 10 MEGA Invercargill). Check out their website -

<https://www.mitre10.co.nz/news/expol-recycling-cubes>

## RESEALABLE FOOD PACKAGING

Wash out, dry and reuse to package small items in school lunchboxes.

## SCRAP METAL

See if local school is having, or will have, a fundraiser where they get a skip bin dropped off and locals can bring their scrap metal to donate.

Have a steel drum for scrap metal off cuts at home or on the farm.

Then when its fill the whole thing can be carted to scrap metal dealer.

Phone around different businesses to get the best deal for your scrap metal.

## SECOND HAND ITEMS

Drop off at your local transfer stations. Check your local Council's website for information.

<http://www.wastenet.org.nz/RecycleRubbish/FacilityList.aspx>

## SHARPS

Buy a sharps container to divert needles from being dumped in a skip bin or landfill. Contact your vets to see if they will accept full containers.

## SHRINK WRAP

Keep as clean as possible and separate from bale wrap and silage covers. Plasback can collect packed into their liners on a case-by-case basis.

## SILAGE COVERS

Silage covers, broomed off and folded up (not tied), can be collected by Plasback.

## SOFT PLASTICS

Check out if your local supermarkets recycles soft plastics. If they don't, why not ask if they will start -

<https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator?>

## TWINE (BLUE) AND STRING

Liner bags of blue twine and string can be collected by Plasback.

Please don't mix with other products.

## USED OIL

20 litre to Supercheap Auto or to local transfer station (ring ahead).

Fulton Hogan – ring ahead and see if they will collect a large amount using the ROSE Scheme - <https://rosenz.co.nz/>

## VEGGIE AND SEEDLING POTS

Clean ones can be returned to Mitre 10 -

<https://www.mitre10.co.nz/potrecycling>

## WHEELIE BIN RECYCLING

Old wheelie bins can be purchased from Lions Clubs Southland and repurposed to store garden utensils in, store seed and pet food, and turn into strawberry growers, chicken feeders and compost bins.

## WINE BOTTLE LIDS/CAN TABS

Provide to Lions Club as a fundraiser for Kidney Kids -

<https://www.lionsclubs.org.nz/partnerships/our-partners/kidney-kids/>

## ZOETIS TEAT SEAL

Return to your vets for recycling.



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