

# Get recycling and slim your waste!

*In general, New Zealanders are large waste generators. Recycling is a very simple way to save you money and do more for our environment by giving valuable resources a second chance and reducing the waste we bury in the ground.*



So when you're recycling, please remember:

## Do

- ✓ Tie your recycling up in plastic bags:
  - All paper (including envelopes, junk mail, milk and egg cartons etc) and cardboard in one
  - Glass bottles/jars, food tins and cans, and plastic (grade 1 & 2) in a separate bag

This helps us collect and sort your recycling and stops it blowing away on a windy day.

- ✓ Rinse all food and liquid from bottles and cans
- ✓ You can save space by squashing your tins/cans/plastics
- ✓ You don't need a green bin to recycle!  
Put your recycling out in clear plastic shopping bags with your rubbish and we'll collect it.

## Don't

- ✗ Leave food in your recycling
- ✗ Put hazardous items in your recycling (sharp objects, batteries, paint, oil)
- ✗ Don't put these in your recycling bin:
  - Polystyrene
  - Food wrap or foil
  - Tetrapac containers (like Zap and Up'n'go drinks)
  - Disposable nappies
  - Meat trays
  - Garden waste/wood/leaves/dirt

For more information visit [www.Wellington.govt.nz](http://www.Wellington.govt.nz)  
or phone 499 4444.

# Remember the three R's

## Reduce

- Buy products with as less packaging as possible
- Or products in packaging that is recyclable, or made from recycled material
- Just take enough plastic shopping bags that you'll use
- Only buy what you'll use or need (buy refills)
- Buy re-usable products rather than disposables.

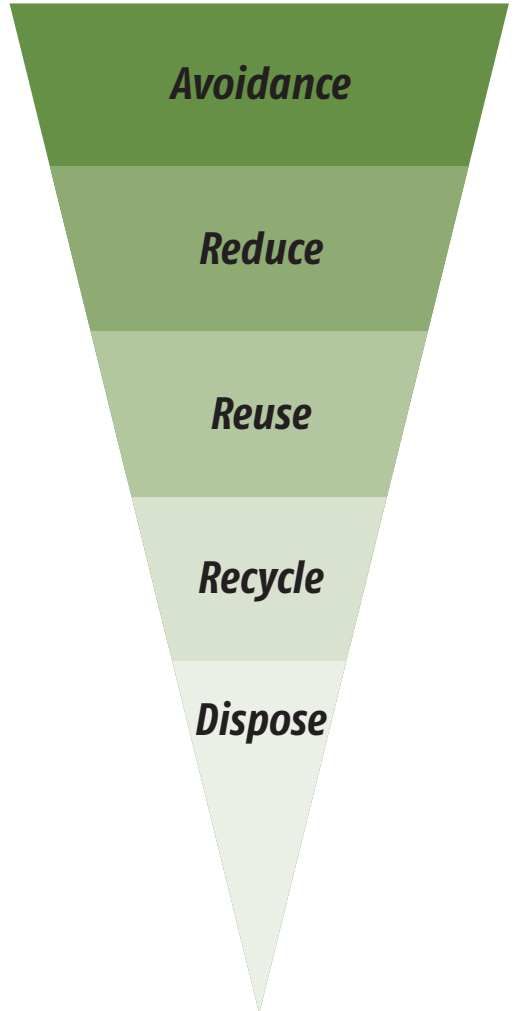
## Reuse

- Re-use shopping bags as bin liners and to secure your recycling in
- Put all of your old clothes into a clothing bin or take them to a charity so someone else can benefit from them
- Compost all of your food waste. It's great for the garden!
- Take anything that is still in good condition to the Second Treasure shop at the Southern Landfill so that someone else may appreciate what you no longer need.

## Recycle

Each year 200,000 tonnes of waste goes into our landfills – around half of this could be recycled!

- Recycle at home using the kerbside collection
- Recycle at work, check out our website for recycling companies in Wellington or take it home with you
- Take large amounts of recycling up to the recycling bank at the Southern Landfill – be sure to sort it first though.



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