



TAKE ACTION - WASTE ACTION PROJECTS

PAPER RECYCLING

What kinds of paper and cardboard can be recycled?

Clean, flat paper and cardboard can be recycled. You can recycle any size of paper, from a receipt to a newspaper. Paper should have been used on both sides before recycling.

Cardboard can also be recycled. You can recycle phone books, magazines, cardboard packaging and packets and pizza boxes.

Paper or card that is plastic or wax coated *cannot* be recycled. If it is contaminated with food or other waste it is not suitable for recycling.



Above: Paper recycling collection bin in a classroom at Muritai school

How do we collect paper for recycling?

You will need separate paper recycling bins. These are usually located in each classroom. If you have smaller amounts of paper recycling, the recycling bin could be located in a central location.



Left: Recycling bins at Muritai School
Right: Fernridge school's collection bins



The paper recycling bins could be plastic cardboard boxes, plastic containers or wheelie bins. As well as a paper recycling bin, classes could have a reusable paper tray for paper that is clean on one side for using again before it is recycled.

How can we involve the students in the paper recycling collection?

Monitors could empty the classroom bins into a holding bin or wheelie bin. If you want to rotate the responsibility you may need a roster. The paper recycling will need to be stored in a holding bin until the weekly collection.

Do we need a wheelie bin?

This will depend on how much paper waste you have per week.

If you have more paper recycling than is practical to put into individual boxes/bags you will need to get a wheelie bin or cage for collection. Do a waste audit to find out how much paper waste your school produces in one week (see www.gw.govt.nz/takeaction/waste/audit) You can organise a paper wheelie bin and monthly collection through the recycling contractors on the following page. There will be a monthly fee for this service. Some contractors collect paper separately to cardboard. Check with the contractor about what you will be able to put into your wheelie bin.

Most schools find that they require a wheelie bin or cage for paper recycling. A large bin or cage will help your recycling system to run smoothly and be efficient. Having a wheelie bin or cage will involve a monthly payment, but will save the school money on waste going to landfill.

The contractors can provide a secure collection system for schools subject to vandalism.

Who are the recycling contractors?

There are three major recycling contractors in the Wellington region: All Brite, Full Circle and Waste Management. These contractors recycle paper and cardboard as well as plastic, glass and metals.

All Brite Industries Ltd
0508 732 925 or (04) 568 5521
Contact person:
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Full Circle Ltd
Freephone 0800 RECYCLE
www.fullcircle.org.nz
Contact: Wellington office (04) 568 5848

Waste Management
97-99 Port Rd, Seaview, Lower Hutt
0800 697 329
Contact: Wellington office (04) 568 3550
www.wastemanagement.co.nz



Above: All Brite's recycling centre- sorting paper waste

How will weekly collection work?

Make an adult responsible for putting out the weekly collection bin for the contractor to pick up.

If you have large amounts of paper waste you may need a wheelie bin and an organised weekly collection. You will need to contact a contractor (see left) to organise a wheelie bin and collection service.

Small quantities of paper and cardboard are collected alongside your kerbside recycling on the same day as the recycling is collected.

What happens to paper after it has gone to the contractor?

Paper and cardboard are sorted into types and grades. After sorting it is baled. These bales are put into containers to be transported overseas for reprocessing.

Paper and card will go to places such as Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia to be reprocessed into products like paperboard, newsprint, egg cartons and boxes.



Above right: Stacks of paper and cardboard bales at AllBrite, ready to go into containers for shipping

How do we recycle paper if there is no kerbside collection?

If your area doesn't provide free kerbside recycling, paper can still be recycled. Most transfer stations and landfills have areas for dropping off your paper recycling. Collected paper in the school as for the kerbside collection and then regularly drop it off to a transfer station. A staff member will need to be responsible for dropping this paper off regularly.

Can we collect paper and mixed recycling together?

Of course- whatever works for your school!. Douglas Park and Lakeview schools in Masterton collect paper and other reusables in recycling bins and then monitors sort the waste into paper, card, plastics, cans and glass. These are then taken to a transfer station.

Right: Douglas Park use large plastic sacks instead of wheelie bins to store their paper into before collection.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

www.gw.govt.nz/takeaction/waste

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