Your Guide to Kerbside Collection
Christchurch’s three-bin kerbside collection

The collection comprises:

- **Organics bin (green lid)** is collected weekly from the kerbside.

- **Recycling bin (yellow lid)** is collected at the kerbside every two weeks, alternating with the rubbish bin collection.

- **Rubbish bin (red lid)** is also collected every two weeks from the kerbside, alternating with the recycling bin collection.

Each bin has an address label and/or barcode, showing which property it belongs too. Bins must stay at the property they are allocated to. Please contact the Council if your bin does not have a label, or the bin does not belong to your address.

Please follow this guide to ensure you use the bins correctly and do your part in helping keep Christchurch safe and clean.
The organics bin is only for the following items:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Leaves
- Meat, bones and fish
- Bread, pastries and flours
- Cut flowers, prunings, cuttings and branches
- Garden Waste
- Coffee grinds and Tea Bags
- Dairy products
- Food soiled cardboard containers, paper hand towels and serviettes
- Leaves

What cannot go in the organics bin:

- No liquids, flax, cabbage trees, human/animal waste
- No timber, sawdust, ash, stones or dirt
- No plastic of any sort (e.g. plant pots, plastic bags, cling film, etc)
- No compostable or biodegradable bags
The recycling bin is only for the following CLEAN items:

- Cardboard
- Metal tins
- Glass bottles and jars (lids in red bin)
- Aluminium cans
- Plastic containers (lids in red bin)
- Aerosol cans
- Paper
- Plastic bottles (lids in red bin)
- Plastic supermarket checkout bags

What cannot go in the recycling bin...

- No plastic film, wrap or strap
- No appliances and tools
- No clothing, shoes or bedding
- No coffee cups or used paper towels
- No liquids or food
- No polystyrene/meat trays

Please ensure that items are loose, not bagged.
The rubbish bin is for items which are not accepted in the organics and recycling bins except for the following hazardous items:

- Explosives and Flammable material
- Liquid Chemicals
- Household Cleaners
- Dry Chemicals
- Automotive products
- Paints and Solvents

The above items can be dropped off at EcoDrops (Transfer Stations)*

Everyone benefits when our city is safe and clean.

Wheelie bins containing hazardous waste will not be collected. Continued contamination may result in withdrawal of your kerbside collection service under the Christchurch City Council Waste Management Bylaw, 2009.

Sharps are not permitted in any wheelie bins. Contact your health care provider for appropriate disposal advice for needles.

* Free within Christchurch. Charges apply within Banks Peninsula.
Top tips for wheelie bins

Top Tip #1

Bin lids must be shut flat to ensure collection. Items placed next to or on top of bins will not be collected.

Top Tip #2

Bins need to be out by 6am and in by 11pm on collection day.

Top Tip #3

Bin gone missing on collection day? Please report within 24 hours to avoid replacement costs.
Top Tip #4

Place bins at least 50cm apart from each other and from possible obstructions such as trees and power poles. Bins heavier than 70kg are unable to be emptied.

Top Tip #5

Place bins on the footpath or grass verge closest to where the collection vehicle passes, with the bin’s logo facing the road.

Top Tip #6

Moving house? Please leave the bins behind at their allocated address.

Top Tip #7

Keep this guide as a reference or for more information, visit loveyourrubbish.co.nz or download our app.

Please ensure the bins are stored securely on your property between collection days.
What we can provide you with

• new address labels for your property’s wheelie bins
• a magnetic calendar that shows your property’s collection day
• information on bin enhancements
• new stickers identifying what items can go in each bin
• information about our city’s Waste Management Bylaw
• information about our website and Christchurch Wheelie Bins App.

Download the free ‘Christchurch Wheelie Bins app’ for collection information.

For further information, please phone 941 8999, email wheeliebins@ccc.govt.nz or visit loveyourrubbish.co.nz