

Event recycling and waste guide

This is a guide for event organisers and mobile food vendors on the correct recyclable, compostable and landfill products for processing in Taupō.

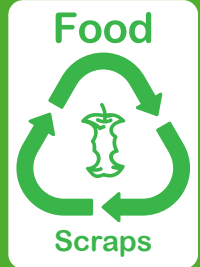
Key things to remember:

- 1** Sending the wrong products to the composting and recycling facilities is considered contamination of the waste stream. Contaminated recycling and compost usually ends up in landfill at a cost to the event organiser.
- 2** Compostable event waste, which is contaminated with more than 1% of non-compostable product will likely be rejected by the composting facility and/or the service provider.
- 3** Recyclable event waste which is contaminated with more than 5% of non-recyclable product, will likely be rejected by the recycling facility and/or the service provider.
- 4** Compostable and recyclable event waste must be decontaminated before it gets collected by the service provider. If you're unsure of what this means, check out the [Event waste planning guide](#) for information on decontamination practices.

Taupō District Council aims to assist event organisers to decrease the quantity and types of waste they send to landfill including food waste and recyclable food packaging.



Compost bin



There is not a commercial compost facility in the Taupō District. If you choose to separate and divert organic waste it must go to a home compost, community garden, the industrial worm farm, or outside of the district. If this is the case, we recommend accepting only the following items rather than “compostable” packaging that is often rejected at most commercial compost facilities. If you choose not to divert organic materials, there is no point in having a separate bin for them, and the following items must go in the landfill bin.

The following products can be accepted in the compost bin:

Bamboo cutlery



Paper drinking straws



Napkins



Fruit and vegetable scraps



**Leftovers
(except meat)**



Pine boats



FUN FACT!

Organic waste is one of the highest contributors to methane emissions in landfills. By diverting it, you're reducing emissions and turning it into high quality compost instead!

We recommend having two separate recycling bins for mixed recycling and glass. Mixed recycling refers to plastics, steel, aluminium, paper and cardboard. You may also wish to have separate bins for glass of different colours, as this may ease recycling at the end of the event. Please note that only plastics #1, 2, and 5 are accepted in the Taupō District. This number can be found in the triangle on the bottom of the product.

Aim to recycle the following at your event:

Plastic #1, #2, and #5 containers
(clean)



Plastics #1 or #2 drink bottles
(lids off)



Steel cans
(rinsed)



Single use bags
(clean)



Paper
(no serviettes)



Cardboard
(flattened)



Aluminium cans



Glass bottles
(separated by colour is best)



Glass jars
(separated by colour is best)



Foil packaging
(clean)



Landfill (rubbish) bin

Rubbish



Landfill

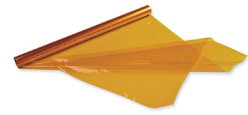
These products are neither compostable or recyclable in Taupō, therefore are considered as rubbish for the following reasons:

1. They are double layer products e.g. that are paper with a plastic lining
2. They are made of a type of plastic/material that is not accepted by local recyclers/composters
3. They get stuck in machinery or are unsuitable for the standard recycling process
4. They are dirty, therefore create contamination

Plastic cutlery / plates



Cellophane



Dirty plastics
1 - 7



Polystyrene / foam



Cardboard boxes with
paraffin waxed or plastic
PET lining



Dirty aluminium foil



'Degradable' plastic



Glad Wrap



Coffee cup lids
(plastic or compostable
plastic)



Compostable plastic



Wraps/pouches



Shallow box



Cardboard
(food contaminated)



Compostable plates /
bowls



Drinking glasses or "Pyrex"



Other PLA or 'compostable'
plastic



Compostable containers



Potatopak



Drink cartons



Plastic straws



Plastic bags



Takeaway cups
(plastic lined)



Compostable cups



Try to avoid these products by
using their reusable or recyclable
alternatives.

