

 Home Advice

The No-Throw Guide



A garden built from recycled pallets, and old bottles

Waste Audits

Reduce waste and costs by having your business or school's waste systems reviewed by Sustainability Trust.

Our advisors will identify ways you can save costs - and help the environment - by disposing of your waste sustainably.

In addition to our on-site expertise, you'll receive a report on existing systems, recommendations for improvements, and signage for in-house waste stations.



Renee & Janet audit a local restaurant's waste

The landfill should be our last option when having a clear-out. There are a huge number of organisations who can make good use of our old things. Here are some tips on how to sustainably rehome your preloved gear.

Responsible Ownership

Try to prioritise quality over cost, when making purchasing decisions. Your possessions will last longer, parts will be easier to replace, and you'll save more over time.

Show your stuff some love. Avoid participating in the Throw-Away Culture by cleaning, mending and servicing your gear.

Repair or repurpose your stuff. If your shirt isn't good enough for work anymore, could it be a gardening top, and after that, a cleaning rag?



KCA redistribute donations of food and household goods.

Household Goods

Larger items can be costly to dispose of, but there is often someone who would love to give them a second life. Some places will pick up large items as well.

Organisation	What they take	Contacts
Wellington Curtain Bank	Curtains and fabric	www.sustaintrust.org.nz/curtainbank
Kiwi Community Assistance	Clothing, furniture, appliances, food	kiwicommunityassistance.weebly.com/
Freecycle	Nearly everything	http://nz.freecycle.org
Your local charity shop	Nearly everything	St Vincent de Paul; Salvation Army; SPCA; Hospice
The Red Cross Refugee Service	Furniture and appliances	www.redcross.org.nz/contact-us



Landfill Waste Profile

The largest proportion of waste going to landfill is compostable/putrescible. Much of this could be composted safely at home.

Other significant components of the waste stream going to landfill are timber, plastic, glass, and paper, much of which could be recycled.

TIP

Drop us a line for ideas on how to rehome other items: advice@sustaintrust.org.nz

Build your own compost with Sustainability Trust



Green Waste and Food

If your office or business produces a lot of organic material, consider some of these options available in Wellington:

Organisation	What they do	Contact
Sustainability Trust	Waste audits & advice	www.sustaintrust.org.nz
Kai to Compost	Business food waste	kai.to.compost@wcc.govt.nz
Southern Landfill	General green waste	http://tinyurl.com/l89a8pb
Community Garden Network	A local garden may be able to take your household green waste	http://tiny.cc/0mz0dx



Unwanted curtains can be redistributed via Wellington Curtain Bank

Make Some Cash

If you'd like to try selling some of your used things, give the following organisations a go. Apart from Trademe, they are based in Wellington City, but most areas will have their own equivalent.

Organisation	What they take	Contact
Trademe	Nearly everything	www.trademe.org.nz
Arty Bees Book Shop	Books	www.artybees.co.nz
Recycle Boutique	Clothing	www.recycleboutique.co.nz
Scrap metal recyclers	Most metal	Look online for your nearest dealer.

More Recycling Info Sheets

Sustainability Trust has information sheets on how to dispose of hazardous waste, and electronic waste. Check our website or call our Sustainability Advisors for a copy.

www.sustaintrust.org.nz

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