

# New Zealand Single-use Plastic Ban

## — Overview —

### Phasing out problem plastics in Aotearoa Te whakamoe i ngā kirihou whakapōraruraru

Plastics waste is one of our generation's greatest environmental challenges – regularly ending up in landfills or the ocean.

To support Aotearoa's move towards a low-emissions, low-waste economy, we're phasing out these plastics over the next four years.



**Late 2022**

- PVC meat trays
- Polystyrene takeaway packaging
- Expanded polystyrene food and drink packaging
- Oxo and photo degradable plastics
- Plastic drink stirrers
- Plastic stemmed cotton buds

**Mid 2023**

- Plastic produce bags
- Plastic plates, bowls and cutlery
- Plastic straws\*
- Plastic produce labels

\* Plastic straws will be available for disabled people and medical use

**Mid 2025**

- All other PVC and polystyrene food and drink packaging

Plastics play an important role in our economy and daily lives. When used in packaging, plastic helps ensure food safety and reduce food waste. But often, the way plastics are produced, used and discarded can result in wasted resources, causing pollution and litter.

Bonson supports the single-use plastic ban as an effort to reduce the use of problematic single-use plastic products.

As a food packaging supplier, we are proud to be leading the way with our customers in making the change, taking a positive step towards a circular economy by avoiding waste and adopting reusable or recyclable options in plastic packaging.

For more information, visit <https://environment.govt.nz/waste/plastic-phase-out/>  
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He taiao tōnui mō ngā reanga katoa –  
a flourishing environment for every generation.

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## – Buying from Bonson –

From late-2022

Banned Items	Bonson Affected	Bonson Alternatives
 PVC meat trays	N/A	<b>Full Range</b> We do not use PVC in any of our products
 PS Takeaway Packaging	PS Cutlery PS Portion Cups	   
 EPS Food Packaging	EPS Clamshells	<b>Sugarcane Cutlery</b>  <b>PET &amp; PP Portion Cups</b> <b>PP, RPET, Kraft, Sugarcane Containers</b> <b>RPET, Kraft, Sugarcane Clamshells</b>
 EPS Drink Packaging	N/A	<b>Sugarcane Cups</b>  <b>Recycled PET Cups</b>
Oxo & Photo Degradable Plastics	N/A	<b>Full Range</b> We do not use oxo & photo degradable plastics in any of our products
Plastic Drink Stirrers	N/A	N/A
Plastic Stemmed Cotton-buds	Non-food-packaging item	



Minimising our impact on the environment is a key motivator in our decision making.

We are currently phasing out all hard to recycle plastic items ahead of the plastic ban, bringing you new innovations that are kinder to the environment.

## From mid-2023

Banned Items	Bonson Affected	Bonson Alternatives
Plastic Produce Bags	N/A	Paper Bags 
Plastic Tableware Plates/Bowls/Cutlery	PP Snack Bowls BS-7B PP Snack Plates BS-7P / BS-9P / BS-9PB	 PP, RPET, Kraft, Sugarcane Bowls  Paper, Sugarcane Plates & Trays
Plastic Straws	N/A	 Recycled PET Strawless Cup Lid
Non-home Compostable Produce Labels	Non-food-packaging item	

## From mid-2025

Banned Items	Bonson Affected	Bonson Alternatives
 All PVC Food & Beverage Pkg	N/A	<b>Full Range</b> All our recyclable plastic and Enviro range are suitable alternatives
 All PS Food & Beverage Pkg	N/A	

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# Understanding New Zealand's Kerbside Plastic Recycling Collection

## Bonson believes that the ultimate environmental solution is a circular economy

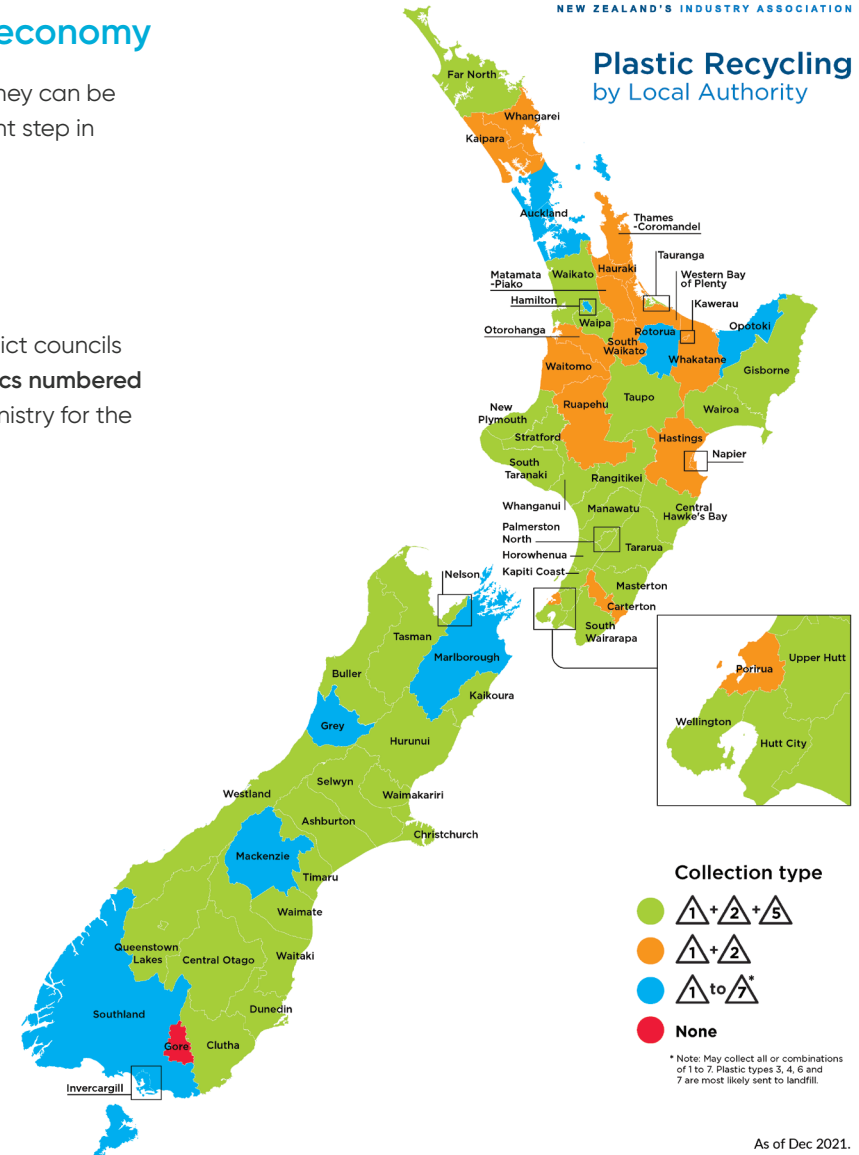
It is important that we all do our part to make sure we recycle as many valuable plastic items as possible, so they can be turned into materials that can be used again, and again. The collection of those items after use is an important step in keeping those materials in the loop.

## Standardising our kerbside collection system

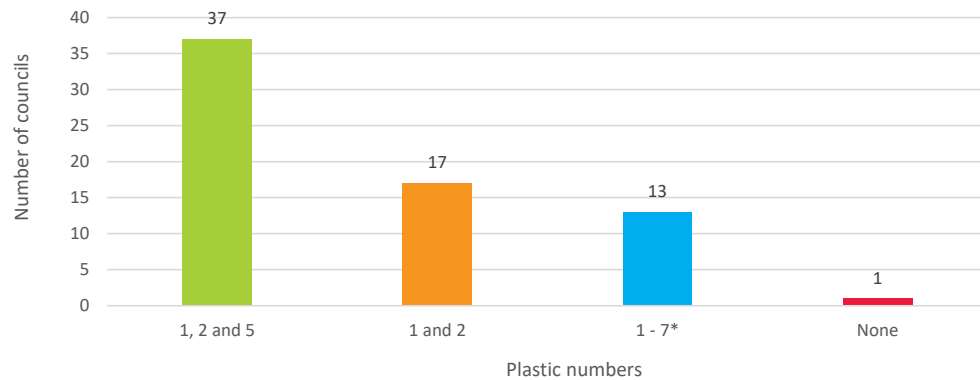
In line with Aotearoa's commitment to move away from hard-to-recycle plastics, an increasing number of district councils are moving towards a standardised kerbside collection system to keep valuable resources out of landfill. **Plastics numbered 1, 2 and 5** are recommended in the report, *Standardising kerbside collections in Aotearoa*, prepared for the Ministry for the Environment by WasteMINZ.



## Plastic Recycling by Local Authority



Plastic types accepted for kerbside recycling (Dec 2021)



As of Dec 2021.

# Understanding New Zealand's Kerbside Plastic Recycling Collection

Council name (in alphabetical order)	Plastics numbers (as on website, Dec 2021)
<b>A</b> Ashburton District Council	1, 2 and 5
Auckland Council	1-7
<b>B</b> Buller District Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>C</b> Carterton District Council	1 and 2
Central Hawke's Bay District Council	1, 2 and 5
Central Otago District Council	1, 2 and 5
Chatham Islands Council	1-7
Christchurch City Council	1, 2 and 5
Clutha District Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>D</b> Dunedin City Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>F</b> Far North District Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>G</b> Gisborne District Council	1, 2 and 5
Gore District Council (Wastenet website)	None
Grey District Council	1-6
<b>H</b> Hamilton City Council	1-7
Hastings District Council	1 and 2
Hauraki District Council	1 and 2
Hawke's Bay Regional Council	1, 2 and 5
Horowhenua District Council	1, 2 and 5
Hurunui District Council	1, 2 and 5
Hutt City Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>I</b> Invercargill City Council (Wastenet website)	1-7
<b>K</b> Kaikoura District Council (Innovative Waste Kaikōura)	1, 2 and 5
Kaipara District Council	1 and 2
Kāpiti Coast District Council	1, 2 and 5
Kawerau District Council	1 and 2
<b>M</b> Mackenzie District Council	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (Not 6)
Manawatu District Council	1-5
Marlborough District Council	1-7
Masterton District Council	1, 2 and 5
Matamata-Piako District Council	1 and 2
<b>N</b> Napier City Council	1 and 2
Nelson City Council	1, 2 and 5
New Plymouth District Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>O</b> Opotiki District Council	1-7
Otorohanga District Council	1 and 2
<b>P</b> Palmerston North City Council	1, 2 and 5
Porirua City Council	1 and 2
<b>Q</b> Queenstown Lakes DC	1, 2 and 5
<b>R</b> Rangitikei District Council	1-5
Rotorua Lakes Council	1-7
Ruapehu District Council	1 and 2
<b>S</b> Selwyn District Council	1, 2 and 5
South Taranaki District Council	1, 2 and 5
South Waikato District Council	1 and 2
South Wairarapa District Council	1, 2 and 5
Southland District Council (Wastenet website)	1-7
Stratford District Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>T</b> Tararua District Council	1, 2, 3 and 5
Tasman District Council	1, 2 and 5
Taupo District Council	1, 2 and 5
Tauranga City Council	1, 2 and 5
Thames-Coromandel District Council	1 and 2
Timaru District Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>U</b> Upper Hutt City Council	1, 2 and 5
<b>W</b> Waikato District Council	1, 2 and 5
Waimakariri District Council	1, 2 and 5
Waimate District Council	1, 2 and 5
Waipa District Council	1, 2 and 5
Wairoa District Council	1, 2 and 5
Waitaki District Council	1 and 2
Waitomo District Council	1 and 2
Wellington City Council	1, 2 and 5
Western Bay of Plenty District Council (Kerbside Collective)	1 and 2
Westland District Council	1, 2 and 5
Whakatane District Council	1 and 2
Whanganui District Council	1, 2 and 5
Whangarei District Council	1 and 2