

Single-use Plastic Ban in New Zealand?

– Bonson Polypropylene Containers are NOT Banned –

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 our country's move towards a low-emissions, low-waste economy, we're phasing out these plastics:



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- PVC food trays and containers*
- Polystyrene takeaway food and drink packaging
- Expanded polystyrene food and drink packaging
- Plastic with pro-degradant additives, eg, oxo and photo-degradable plastics
- Plastic drink stirrers
- Plastic stemmed cotton buds

* The scope is limited to pre-formed trays used for produce, baked goods, and meat

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- Single-use:
- Plastic produce bags
 - Plastic plates, bowls and cutlery
 - Plastic straws*
 - Plastic produce labels**

* Plastic straws will be available for disabled people and medical use
** See the Ministry's website for further information on scope

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- All other PVC and polystyrene food and drink packaging

Update – September 2023

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

However, to clear up any confusion, we'd like to emphasise that Bonson polypropylene containers are NOT part of the plastics ban. When handled correctly, including re-used and/or recycled after use, this food packaging plays an important role in food safety and reducing food waste.

Please communicate to your customers what to do with their polypropylene containers once they have served their initial purpose. On the following page you will find recycling information about packaging that uses PP or PET materials.

For more information, visit <https://environment.govt.nz/waste/plastic-phase-out/>

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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.

PP and PET plastics are widely accepted for recycling

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

Today, 88% of councils in New Zealand collect PP (number 5 plastic) for kerbside recycling collection – this represents ~97% of our overall population.

[Browse our PP packaging](#)

[Browse our PET packaging](#)

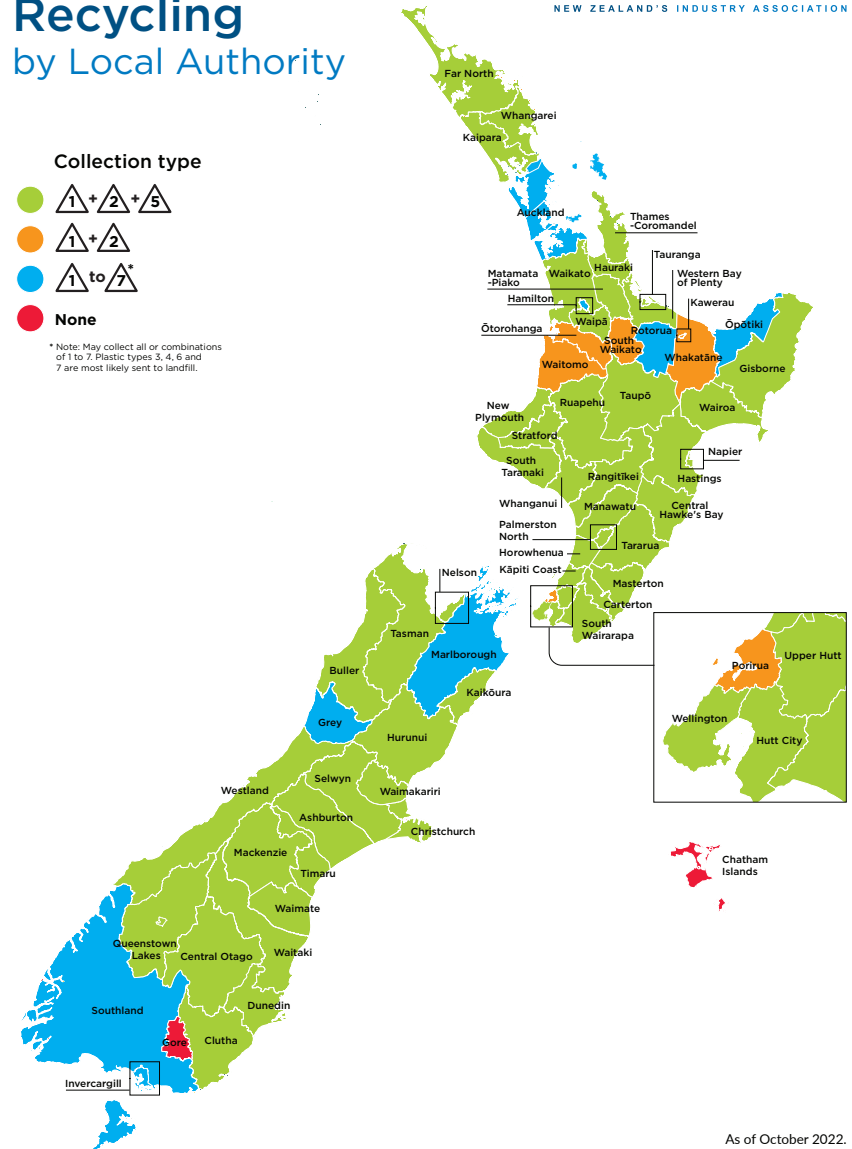


Plastic Recycling by Local Authority



- Collection type**
- $\triangle 1 + \triangle 2 + \triangle 5$
 - $\triangle 1 + \triangle 2$
 - $\triangle 1$ to $\triangle 7^*$
 - None

* Note: May collect all or combinations of 1 to 7. Plastic types 3, 4, 6 and 7 are most likely sent to landfill.



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