

SORTING WASTE AT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

In the media release last week, it was requested that you ensure your waste is sorted before you enter the Waste Management Centre. Below are details about the types of waste that need to be sorted from your 'non-recyclable' wastes before you enter the Waste Management Centre.

Aluminium

Aluminum cans are 100% recyclable and are currently baled and exported to New Zealand for recycling. In addition, clean aluminium foil and trays, free of food scraps, can also be recycled in the aluminium chute. Please ensure any foil is rolled up into a tight ball.

Aluminium is a valuable resource and recycling this resource can save up to 95% of the energy it would take to make new metal from bauxite ore. Please do not throw this resource away in your general non-recyclable waste!

Steel Cans

Clean steel cans can be recycled at the Waste Management Centre. A small number of steel cans are baled and exported to New Zealand for recycling. Due to existing limitations with equipment, not all steel cans are currently being recycled, however as of mid-2018 all steel cans will be recycled. Despite the fact that not all steel cans are currently being recycled please continue to separate out steel cans to prepare for the new equipment being installed at the Waste Management Centre in April 2018 to handle these recyclables.

Please do not place aerosol cans in with your steel cans. The last chute at the Waste Management Centre is a dedicated aerosol can-chute.

Household Batteries

Household batteries must not be placed in with your general 'non-recyclable' waste. There are two bins at the Waste Management Centre where batteries can be placed. If you comingle batteries in your general 'non-recyclable' waste, they will be directed to Headstone where they will be burnt and disposed of into the ocean. Batteries contain different types of heavy metals and toxic elements depending on the type of battery including carbon-zinc, manganese dioxide, lithium, silver-zinc, nickel-cadmium, nickel metal hydride, mercury and lead which can impact human health if burnt, and contaminate the marine environment if placed in the ocean.

Glass

Glass bottles and jars can be recycled at the Waste Management Centre. Currently glass is not being recycled as we require equipment to retrofit to the existing glass crusher. This equipment is expected to be installed by mid-2018. However, please continue to separate your glass from your 'non-recyclable' wastes.

E-waste / whitegoods /tyres / car batteries / gas cylinders / printer cartridges / waste oils

All e-waste, whitegoods, tyres, car batteries, gas cylinders, printer cartridges and waste oils are packaged and sent to New Zealand or mainland Australia for reprocessing or recycling.

If you are unsure where to place these items please ask the staff when you enter the Waste Management Centre. Please do not place these items in your general 'non-recyclable' wastes.

What about food waste?

Food waste is currently considered 'non-recyclable'.

There are two wheelie bins at the Waste Management Centre for food waste. It is requested that you separate food waste from your general 'non-recyclable' wastes and place in this bin. Due to the odorous nature of this waste it is requested that it is separated out and placed into the enclosed bins where it is housed until it is taken to Headstone for burning.

Moving forward all organic wastes, including dead animals and butchers' waste, will be composted in the new, state of the art, fully enclosed, in-vessel composting system. This system will be installed in mid to late 2018.

What about plastics?

Plastics are currently considered 'non-recyclable'.

In April 2018, new equipment will be installed at the Waste Management Centre capable of baling all plastics, in addition to steel and aluminium cans and general waste, ready for export for reprocessing, recycling or disposal. Over the coming months the community will be informed about how plastics are to be delivered to the Waste Management Centre.

What about cardboard?

Cardboard is currently considered 'non-recyclable'.

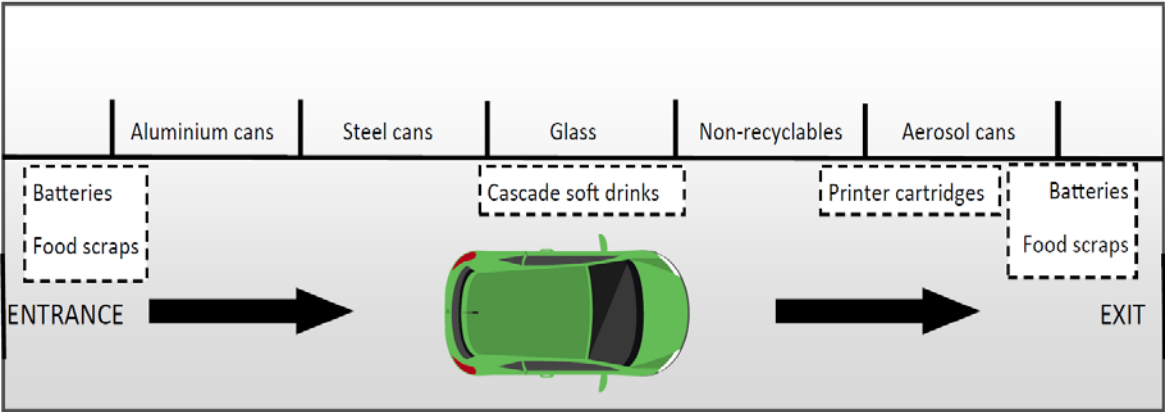
In mid to late 2018 a new, state of the art, fully enclosed, in-vessel composting system will be installed at the Waste Management Centre capable of composting the island's waste cardboard.

Other wastes

If you are delivering a hazardous waste to the Waste Management Centre, such as unlabeled chemicals, pressurized cylinders or asbestos, please let the staff know when you enter the Waste Management Centre so they can advise you with the most appropriate location to place the waste.

Below is the layout of the Waste Management Centre's drop off chutes and bins.

Waste Management Centre—drop off chute layout



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