

# WASTE AND RECYCLING NEWSLETTER

Put waste in the right place



## HOW MUCH FOOD DO WE WASTE?

Did you know New Zealand households throw away 157,389 tonnes of food a year? This is equivalent to 271 jumbo jets of food that have to go somewhere to rot.

Food is wasted for several reasons, including incorrect storage and leftovers left to languish in the fridge, which is a common cause of food waste.

To sign up for the latest tips and tricks on how to reduce food waste by correct storage, options, and recipes for leftovers and improved planning for creating waste-free meals, visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz)



## Transfer Station Opening Hours

OPEN

To view our transfer station opening hours, including the amended hours for Hanmer Springs, please [click here](#)

## Health and Safety at the transfer station

When using Council's transfer stations, please remember the following:

- Do not throw waste, recycling or rubbish bags.
- Do not climb on safety barriers or retaining walls.
- Young children and animals must remain in vehicles.
- Those climbing on trailers to unload waste or recycling are responsible for their own safety.
- Staff are not responsible for guiding customers to reverse.
- Always adhere to the speed limits on site.
- Follow the instruction of the staff on site at all times.

## WIN A HANMER SPRINGS FAMILY PASS

From how many premises do we sell our Hurunui District Council rubbish and recycling bags?

Email [recycling@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:recycling@hurunui.govt.nz) with your answer and go into the draw to win one of three Family Hanmer Springs Hot Pool passes.



Contact our Waste Team by emailing [recycling@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:recycling@hurunui.govt.nz)

## Discounted Bokashi kits for sale



Hurunui Council sells bokashi composting kits via the Amberley Transfer Station, Amberley Council offices and Amuri, Amberley, Cheviot and Hanmer Springs libraries; each offers a great waste to reduce waste to landfill.

The following options and prices through to 30 June 2023 are as per below:

10 litre system – starter kit and a 1kg bag of Compost-Zing	\$44.00
15 litre system – starter kit and a 1kg bag of Compost-Zing	\$46.50
20 litre system – starter kit and tap, with a 1kg bag of Compost-Zing	\$65.00
Compost-Zing per 1kg bag	\$8.00
Compost Zing per 5kg bag	\$38.00



Waipara School pupils enjoy litter-free lunches

## Waste Education in schools

Council is working with three Hurunui schools to support them to introduce litter-free lunches.

Leithfield and Waipara Schools have received funding from the Canterbury Joint Waste Committee for the programme, which runs workshops on how to pack litter-free school lunches and teaches options for utilising waste food from school lunches via composting and worm farms. Previously, the waste streams of the schools were audited so the impact of reducing waste could be assessed. For support to reduce waste at school or work in Hurunui, please contact Council's waste team.

## How to recycle small batteries

Recycling small batteries in Hurunui is easy via one of the drop-off points provided at the following locations:

- Amuri, Amberley, Cheviot and Hanmer Springs libraries.
- Amberley, Cheviot, Culverden, Hanmer Springs and Waiau transfer stations.

Please help by taping your batteries before placing them in your local collection unit, as used batteries may still contain residual charge that can create a spark, leading to a potential fire hazard.



Use clear sticky tape, non-conductive electrical tape, or duct tape over the exposed battery terminal, or on the top and bottom face for button cell batteries.

Please be mindful to keep the battery label information visible if you're not using clear tape.