

# RECYCLE YOUR STEEL CANS

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100% RECYCLABLE INCLUDING FOOD,  
PET FOOD, AEROSOL, PAINT AND COOKING OIL CANS?

- Steel cans are the easiest type of packaging to recycle as they can be picked out of recycling waste by magnets
- More than 3.4 million cans go into recycle bins each week. That's enough steel to make 178 cars, every week.
- Every year New Zealanders use enough steel cans to circle the earth.
- Not sure if it's steel? Use a magnet and if it sticks... it's steel.
- Making steel from recycled cans uses 75% less energy than producing steel from new materials
- Steel is 100% recyclable which means there is no limit to how many times it can be recycled.

you Can.

Steel, including steel cans, is the most recycled material in the world. All steel cans that are recovered are recycled back into steel cans and other steel products such as construction material. The baked beans can you put out in your recycle bin today could be part of a bridge tomorrow !



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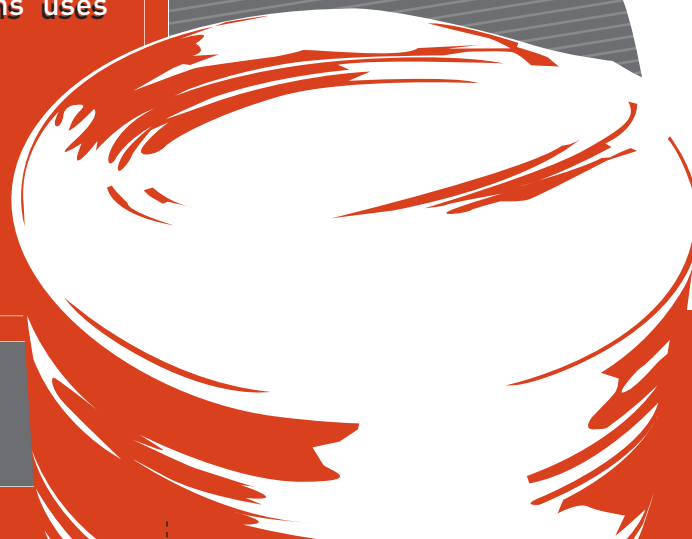
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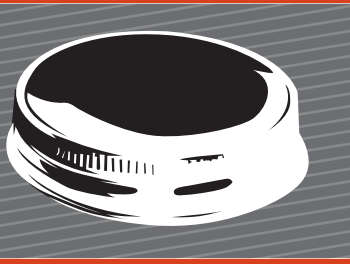
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# LIDS

Glass jars are sealed with lids made of steel! So place the jar and lid separately in your recycle bin.

# AEROSOL CANS



In New Zealand we use more than 25 million aerosol cans each year. Fly spray, furniture polish, whipped cream, air freshener, cooking oil, shaving cream... you'd be surprised how many aerosol cans are in your home.

To prepare aerosol cans for recycling:

- Empty aerosol can - this releases the pressure inside
- Do not puncture or squash aerosol can
- Pull off the large plastic cap and put this in the rubbish bin
- Place in the recycle bin

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# PET & FOOD CANS

We use more than 400 million food and petfood cans a year and all of them are recyclable. Yet, around 223 million cans are still going to landfill - that's enough steel to make 425,000 fridges!

To prepare food cans for recycling:

- empty can
- remove lid and pop inside the can
- squeeze top of can shut to stop lid falling out
- no need to rinse the can or remove the label
- pop into the recycling bin



# PAINT CANS

All sizes of empty paint cans are recyclable but they must be empty. Remember this rule when putting paint cans out for recycling: "LID OFF - NO LIQUID"

Be sure the paint residue in the can is dry before you put it out for recycling. Include the lid because this is recyclable steel too. Just keep it separate from the can.



# VARIETY CANS

- Cooking oils
- Biscuit tins
- Tea canisters

All these cans are recyclable - just make sure they are empty before popping in to the recycle bin.

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# BOTTLE TOPS



In New Zealand 1000s of tonnes of steel bottle caps are made for drinks - beer, soft drinks and fruit drinks. The easiest way to recycle steel caps is to collect them in an empty steel can and then when full, squeeze the sides together and pop into the recycle bin.