

Packaging waste streams - New Zealand		
Paper/Cardboard		✓
Composite beverage carton (Aseptic)		~*1H
Tin plate		✓
Glass		✓
Aluminium	Cans	✓*2
	Foils & Trays	X
PS	rigid	~*3
	flexible	X
	Expanded (EPS)	~*4
PVC	rigid	X*5
	flexible	X
PE	rigid	✓*6
	flexible	~*7
PP	rigid	✓
	flexible	~*6
PET	blow moulded	✓
	thermoformed	✓
	flexible	~*8
BioPlastics	Rigid & Flexible	X

*1 Aseptic (foil) will not be kerbside recyclable from 1 February 2024 (closed loop program). SaveBoard collection points available nation-wide in alternative stewardship scheme

*2 Aerosol cans – will not be kerbside recyclable from 1 February 2024 and present safety issues

*3 Not Widely Accepted * <60%. non-recyclable as being removed from kerbside in Feb 2024 and banned from food & beverage packaging from mid-2025.

*4 EPS recycling via Expol Household Recycling Programme and Community Recycling (airpop.co.nz/recycling)

*5 Rigid PVC will not be kerbside recyclable from 1 February 2024

*6 Rigid LDPE will not be kerbside recyclable from 1 February 2024. HDPE full acceptable.

*7 'return to Store recycle program - Love NZ Soft Plastic Recycling Scheme'

*8 Under the CEFLEX guidelines PET is being phase out for soft plastic recycling

Legend		
Packaging waste stream infrastructure	Rating	Description
available	✓	There is an area-wide collection of the material (> 50 %)
limited available	~	The material is collected in some regions or municipalities, but the total amount is 10 - 50 %.
not available	X	In this country is no waste stream for that material available or the collected waste amount for that material is < 10 %.
No information	n.i.	No information is available for this country at the time. There will be further research.

*according to Plastic Recyclers Europe