

# zero waste Taranaki



## FREE WASTE MINIMISATION RESOURCE SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS



Visiting the MRF Observation room

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## THE JUNCTION ZERO WASTE RESOURCE HUB



The Junction is a key part of our goal of becoming a Zero Waste region. Operated by WISE Charitable Trust and Sustainable Taranaki, The Junction is a community facility and reuse shop where we're taking charge of our Zero Waste future by changing attitudes around waste minimisation and reuse.



## NEW PLYMOUTH MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF)

Ever wondered where our recyclables end up or why we can recycle some items but not others? Visit the MRF education room to see our region's recyclables being sorted and find out how the machinery works.

Go to the Sustainable Taranaki webpage to book a tour by completing the online booking form.

**Access:** The education room is located up stairs and does not have alternative access.

 [sustainabletaranaki.org.nz](https://sustainabletaranaki.org.nz)

 **Bookings essential**

## MINIMISING WASTE IN SCHOOLS

### RECYCLING

Most schools in Taranaki receive recycling bins and the collection of recyclables for free.

We can help set up your recycling system, improve your current system or assist with any other area of waste minimisation you may need.

Support is available to all schools regardless of whether you receive a free collection service.

Contact your local council for more information.

### COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING

Composting systems are a great way to deal with food waste at your school.

If you would like assistance in setting up a composting system or worm farm, please contact your local council for information.





## ENVIRO SCHOOLS

With support from the school community, students plan, design and take action to create a sustainable school environment. Enviro schools Taranaki also runs Boomerang Bag and Plastic-Free July initiatives.

☎ 0800 736 222      👤 All schools  
✉ [enviroschools@trc.govt.nz](mailto:enviroschools@trc.govt.nz)  
🖱 [www.enviroschools.org.nz/in\\_your\\_region/taranaki](http://www.enviroschools.org.nz/in_your_region/taranaki)

## PAPER4TREES RECYCLING BINS FOR CLASSROOMS

Paper4Trees is a waste minimisation and tree planting programme for schools and early childhood centres. It provides classroom recycling bins to help with source separation, and rewards you with native trees for your efforts each year.

☎ 0800 727 4873      👤 Early childhood through to secondary  
✉ [paper4trees@eerst.co.nz](mailto:paper4trees@eerst.co.nz)      🖱 [paper4trees.co.nz](http://paper4trees.co.nz)

## IMPACT TARANAKI

Impact Taranaki facilitators are available to support youth-led environmental projects at your school or in the community. We use enquiry-based learning with a focus on individual and team strengths.

🕒 Projects last one term with support for ongoing learning      👤 12-24 years  
✉ [impact@sustainabletaranaki.org.nz](mailto:impact@sustainabletaranaki.org.nz)  
🖱 [www.sustainabletaranaki.org.nz/impact](http://www.sustainabletaranaki.org.nz/impact)

## ZERO WASTE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Schools and preschools in New Plymouth District can book the award-winning Zero Waste Education programme offering units to students in years 1–8.

Additionally, there is a unit for preschools with a focus on either reuse, recycling or compost. All units are delivered by a Zero Waste Education specialist teacher and are FREE to schools.

For more information or to book the programme, please contact our Zero Waste Education Officer.

✉ [enquiries@npdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiries@npdc.govt.nz)  
👤 Early childhood through to intermediate



## WASTE MINIMISATION HINTS AND TIPS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

- Carry out a waste audit to determine waste composition.
- Develop a vision and set small, achievable goals to reduce waste.
- Put together an Enviro/Green team of enthusiastic students or staff to champion.
- Create a litter-free lunch policy for students and staff.
- Set up printers to print double-sided as default.
- Reuse scrap paper before recycling.
- Set up a composting system to deal with food, green and paper waste.
- Offer food scraps to local pig farmers or to whānau and friends who keep chickens.
- Ask students to be responsible for collecting classroom recycling (for students who need that extra little movement in the afternoons).

## SOUTH TARANAKI TRANSFER STATION

School groups from South Taranaki are welcome to book a tour of the transfer station. During the tour students will learn about how rubbish and recycling are processed, common causes of recycling contamination and ways to reduce waste to landfill.

☎ 06 758 7601      📅 Bookings essential  
✉ [envirosus@STDC.govt.nz](mailto:envirosus@STDC.govt.nz)

## EGMONT REFUSE AND RECYCLING LTD

Tours of the refuse and recycling station are available to primary and secondary schools.

For more information, contact Raymond Buckland.

☎ 06 278 6170      ✉ [egmontrefuse@xtra.co.nz](mailto:egmontrefuse@xtra.co.nz)

## STRATFORD TRANSFER STATION

Tours available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The tour is free and takes 30 minutes. It is available to primary and secondary schools.

For more information, contact John Cooper, Stratford District Council

☎ 06 765 6099      ✉ [jcooper@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:jcooper@stratford.govt.nz)

### New Plymouth District Council

Zero Waste Education Officer

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### South Taranaki District Council

The Environment & Sustainability Team

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### Stratford District Council

Louise Campbell - Asset Management Coordinator

✉ [wasteminimisation@stratford.govt.nz](mailto:wasteminimisation@stratford.govt.nz)

For more information on waste minimisation and recycling visit  
[www.zerowastetaranaki.org.nz](http://www.zerowastetaranaki.org.nz)