

Let's start by understanding what a recycling facility even is in the first place. Most of the normal rubbish produced in New Zealand gets sent to landfills. A recycling facility takes in all of the rubbish that has been marked for recycling and sorts it into the different types of materials. Instead of sending them to a landfill, each of these different types of materials is then sold to a manufacturer that uses them to make new products

So what exactly happens to our recycling?

- i. "Firstly, all rubbish that is put into recycling bins gets taken to a recycling facility."
- ii. "Only certain materials are suitable for recycling. Because humans are not so great at putting items into the correct bin, incorrect items like plastic bags, batteries and food scraps are removed from the rubbish by hand."
- iii. "The remaining correct recyclable rubbish is then separated into groups, one for each different type of material."
- iv. "Lastly, these different materials are then sold to make new products in New Zealand as well as overseas."



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1. New Zealand exports some of our recyclable materials. What are the pros and cons of this practice?
 2. Why is it a good idea to recycle as many goods as possible?