

WASTE NOT

kids

Living Here

WANT NOT!

Did you know...you could fill the WestpacTrust Centre about three and a half times over with the amount of waste (263,000 tonnes) the Canterbury region generates each year!

So where does it all go?
What part can we all play in making sure the mountain doesn't grow?

THE 5R's

The nationally and internationally recognised system for managing waste is the "waste management hierarchy" or the 5Rs

1 **REDUCE**

The BEST option - do you really need to replace that item?

2 **RE-USE**

Can you use the same thing again?

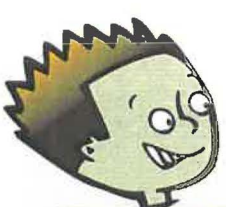
3 **RECYCLE**

Can the materials be used in a different way?

4 **RECOVER**

Can it be used to make new products?

5 **RESIDUAL MANAGEMENT**
If you can't do any of the above it has to go to the landfill.



2. Re-use ... again and again

The idea of re-using is to use something again in its original form for the same purpose or a similar one. Re-using something conserves resources and minimises pollution. Some examples of re-using are shopping at Op shops or garage sales.

Hot off the waste wagon- don't throw that junk away!

This is your opportunity to design and make innovative creations by re-using or recycling materials and objects that might otherwise be landfilled

What you will need -

- A collection of 'junk' material
- A totally creative, weird and fantastic idea for a model that you can make out of your 'junk' collection. Something that you or your family and friends could use again and again and again...
- Glue, scissors, tape etc
- A record of the materials you used
- A description of your model - this will help people know how to use it or display it.
- Name it

GO FOR IT!!!!!!

REDUCE & RE-USE

These are the two YOU should do at home to really make a difference!



1. First in ... First Reduce

Reducing or lessening your rubbish is the BEST option because it means there is less waste to manage.

It is all about THINKING...

- Before you buy - do I really need this?
- How you buy - do I need a bag? Can I take my own?
- What you buy - can I buy durable products rather than buy ones that disintegrate after one use? How has this product been packaged?

Can you match up the alternatives for these common shopping items?

Instead of	Replace with
Plastic wrap	Rechargeable batteries
Disposable batteries	Reusable containers with lids
Disposable nappies	Loose tea leaves
Paper napkins	Washable cloth napkins
Tea bags	Cloth nappies

3. Join the cycle of Recycling & Recovery



Recycling is when an item can no longer be re-used and is broken down and remade, eg a glass bottle is broken down into colour-graded glass fragments (cullet) and then made into new bottles.

Recovery is similar to recycling but with recovery the materials are broken down and either remade into different products or used as fuel.

Pantry Audit

Check out what recyclable goods live in your pantry and fridge

Look for...	Tally here
Plastic bottles/containers (with a 1 or 2 in a triangle on the bottom)	
Milk cartons	
Paper/cardboard packaging	
Cans	
Glass bottles/jars (Please do not include glasses, plates and dishes)	
Newspaper	

How many things are recyclable and how many aren't? Total:

Want to know more? Check out our waste site: www.ecan.govt.nz/waste-not.html

