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Zero Waste Magnetic Island's aim is to reduce the island's waste by making it easy, appealing and fun to recycle, reduce and reuse - and we invite you to join us. Visit our website at zerowastemi.org.au for some great ideas and extra information or join our Facebook pages to stay in touch. See the last page for details.

Item	How to recycle	Where & when to recycle
<p>10c Containers (Any glass plastic or other containers with 10c on the label) E.g. Beer bottles, aluminium cans, some glass bottles and jars, and some drink cartons. <i>See below for 'NO 10c Label' recycling options.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rinse and place containers in the orange Envirobank bags (available from Kindy). To cash in, bring your containers to the collection points. For more information on which containers you can redeem and how to sign up, visit https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/recycle-earn-cash <p><u>Remember:</u> NO wine bottles please! Make sure your containers are eligible for return. Make sure containers are empty of liquids. Remove all lids and caps prior to arrival. <u>Alternative:</u> Storage containers for food and other household goods or visit https://www.zerowastemi.org.au for some great recycling ideas!</p>	<p>To cash in your own 10c containers bring your filled orange bags every second Tuesday (same week as the week you put your recycling bin out on the kerb): 8am-12pm: Old Helipad: Sooning St/Nelly Bay Rd, Nelly Bay. 1pm -3pm: Men's Shed: Horseshoe Bay Rd, HSB. (Next to HSB Skate Park).</p> <p>To donate to Zero Waste Magnetic Island, drop your filled orange bags at any time to Envirobank Collection Points: 1. Kindy (C&K Early Childhood Centre): Sooning Street, Nelly Bay. 2. Drop off to 16 Barbarra Street, Picnic Bay.</p>
Aerosol Cans (Empty)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. <u>Alternative:</u> Avoid buying. Cooking oil can be bought in bulk and put into a reusable spray bottle which is much cheaper! 	At home, any time.
Aluminium Foil & Trays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. Scrunch foil and ensure that it's not smaller than the palm of your hand so it can be picked up by machines and magnets. 	At home, any time.
Batteries (Small) See car and marine batteries below.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in the labelled bin at either MI State School OR, Place in the labelled bin at Fish'n N Fuel'n OR, Take to Officeworks: https://www.officeworks.com.au/information/about-us/sustainability/environment/recycling 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MI State School: Mandalay Avenue, Nelly Bay. Fish'n N Fuel'n (Any time): 36 Mandalay Avenue, Nelly Bay. Officeworks (During opening hours): 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. <i>See the final page for more information.</i>
Bread Tags	<p>Anyone can collect bread tags at home, at work, school etc. All you need to do is get a jar and throw your tags in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take your clean tags to Kindy and place them in the labelled bin, OR Take to a Townsville collector, OR Mail them to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. <p><i>Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs collect the bread tags, sell them to recyclers and turn the cash into wheelchairs for people who can't afford them. It takes around 200kg of plastic ties to fund a wheelchair.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kindy (C&K Early Childhood Centre – Any time): Sooning Street, Nelly Bay. Townsville Collector (Check opening times or email or phone ahead): Melanie Von Bertouch, Coastal Kids Speech Pathology Unit 1/ 5-7 Martinez Ave, West End, Townsville. E: admin@coastalkidsspeech.com.au P: 0427 922 378 Mail to: Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs PO Box 1164, Kensington Gardens, SA 5068. https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/

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Car Batteries/Marine Batteries including batteries in motorcycles, boats, emergency lighting and air conditioners.	<p>Used car batteries, and other lead-acid batteries are hazardous waste and should be disposed of appropriately through recycling programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take them to the MI Waste Transfer Station. Most car workshops, scrap metal dealers and service stations will accept used car batteries for recycling. Check with your car battery vendor when purchasing a new battery. Take small batteries to Fish'n N Fuel'n. <p><i>Car Batteries can be recycled into a range of products from plant pots, to laundry detergents and new batteries.</i></p>	<p>1. MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i></p> <p>2. Fish'n N Fuel'n (During opening hours): 36 Mandalay Avenue, Nelly Bay.</p> <p><i>For more information:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/car-batteries/TownsvilleQLD http://mobile.scrapmetal.com.au/business/what-we-buy
Cans: <u>NO</u> 10c Label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rinse and place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. <p>NB: When putting small lids (smaller than credit card) into the recycle bin, place them inside bigger steel containers and seal.</p>	<p>At home, any time.</p>
Car Tyres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station. Cost to dispose: Small \$14.30 (with rim \$46.50) Medium \$28.60 (with rim \$93.00) Large \$161.70 (with rim \$560.00) <u>Alternative:</u> Make a retro swan or a garden planter. Tyres can be crumbed and used for spongy surfaces, roads and for insulation etc. Check Facebook. Individuals may be collecting them for re-purposing. <p>BEWARE! Old tyres create habitats for mosquitos.</p>	<p>MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i></p> <p>Visit https://www.zerowastemi.org.au or search online for other upcycling ideas.</p>
Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station. <u>Alternative:</u> Papayas love the lime in concrete. Bury a small amount with your papayas. Concrete is very carbon intensive instead of laying new concrete consider using recycled pavers etc. Consider buying concrete that is mixed with fly-ash (a by-product of coal fired power stations). Build fake rocks for your garden with concrete rubble or incorporate into paver moulds. 	<p>MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i></p>
Drink/Milk Cartons: <u>NO</u> 10c Label & NO Drink Bottle Lid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. <p>NB: When putting small lids (smaller than credit card) into the recycle bin, place them inside bigger plastic containers and seal.</p>	<p>At home, any time.</p>
Envelopes <u>No</u> Window	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home compost OR, Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. 	<p>At home, any time.</p>

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Envelopes with Window	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. Remove the plastic window and use paper in your compost/mulch. 	At home, any time.
Eyeglasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some optometrists (e.g. Specsavers) will take used glasses and match up people who can use them. Some optometrists will refit second-hand glasses with new lenses. 	During opening hours to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bernie Lanigan Optometrist: 385 Flinders St, Townsville. SpecSavers (four locations): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domain Central Duckworth Street, Garbutt. Castletown Corner Woolcock & Kings Road, Pimlico. Stockland 310 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale. Willows Corner Thuringowa Drive & Hervey Range Road, Thuringowa.
e-Waste that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computers/laptops Monitors Keyboards Printers Mice Hard drives Cables and chargers DVDs, CDs, tapes Power supplies Printed circuit boards Motherboards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station OR, Take to Officeworks. <u>Alternative:</u> DVDs and CDs can be hung in fruit trees to discourage cockatoos taking fruit. They are also great for mosaics, repainted as coasters, or as clock backing etc. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i> Officeworks (During opening hours): 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. <i>See the final page for more information.</i> Shredex (During opening hours): 31-35 Oonoonba Road, Idalia. https://www.shred-x.com.au/contact-shred-x/documents-townsville-cairns/
Face Cleansers & Used Cosmetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your rubbish bin. <p>NB: Many have micro plastics that are to be avoided at all costs.</p>	At home, any time.
Garden/Green Waste: E.g. Branches, twigs, flowers, grass clippings, and leaves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station, or mulch and use on your garden. Get a mulcher and use mulch on your garden. Green waste creates habitat for small animals such as lizards and insects which in turn bring birds into your garden. <p>NB: Remember to place ALL weeds with seeds in your rubbish bin.</p>	MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i>
Glass Bottles & Jars: <u>NO</u> 10c label	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rinse and place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. <p>NB: When putting small lids (smaller than credit card) into the recycle bin, place them inside bigger steel containers and seal.</p>	At home, any time.

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Glossy Magazines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tear off the glossy front and back covers and place in the general waste. Tear the remaining pages loose and recycle in the yellow kerbside recycling bin, OR place in your compost. 	At home, any time.
Keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artist Alison McDonald is making an artwork using old keys. Take to Umbrella Studio, Scallywags Café or Barbarra Street in Picnic Bay. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scallywags Café (During opening hours): Corner Mandalay Ave and Sooning Street, Nelly Bay. Drop off to: 16 Barbarra St, Picnic Bay. Umbrella Studio (During opening hours): 408 Flinders St, Townsville.
Kitchen Food Scraps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost OR add to your worm farm. Avoid putting onion, garlic and citrus in your compost bin or worm farm as they will make it slower to process and breakdown. 	At home, any time, or for further information visit https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/contact
Metal Lids/Bottle Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. <p>NB: When putting small lids (smaller than credit card) into the recycle bin, place them inside bigger steel containers and seal.</p>	At home, any time.
Milk Cartons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. 	At home, any time.
Mobile Phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in the labelled bin at either MI State School OR take to Officeworks 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MI State School (During opening hours): Mandalay Avenue, Nelly Bay. Officeworks (During opening hours): 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. <p><i>See the final page for more information.</i></p>
Paint Cans: Steel (Empty)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station. 	<p>MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay.</p> <p><i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i></p>
Paper & Cardboard: E.g. Newspapers, office paper, cardboard boxes and egg cartons.	<p>If recycling, please ensure they are not contaminated (e.g. food marks).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. Tear up or shred and use in your compost for your garden. Cardboard boxes are great in a 'no-dig' garden. Smother weeds with the cardboard before adding the mulch on top. Remember to remove all plastic tape as this is dangerous to wildlife. Moisten cardboard and use it to keep your worm farm cool. 	At home, any time.
Pens & Markers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to Officeworks. 	<p>Officeworks (During opening hours): 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park.</p> <p><i>See the final page for more information.</i></p>
Phone Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tear pages loose so large books don't jam machines and place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. 	At home, any time.
Pizza Boxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove large chunks of food and place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid OR, Compost. 	At home, any time.

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Plastic Bottle Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place small lid inside bigger plastic containers and seal. Then place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. 	At home, any time.
Plastic Containers with the recycle triangle and numbers 1-5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in your Council kerbside recycle bin with the yellow lid. These include yogurt, ice-cream and take away containers. 	At home, any time.
Plastic Sushi Fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artist Alison McDonald is making artwork using plastic sushi (soy sauce) fish. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off to: 16 Barbarra St Picnic Bay. Umbrella Studio (During opening hours): 408 Flinders St Townsville.
Printer Cartridges & Ink Cartridges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to Officeworks OR to the MI Post Office. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Officeworks (During opening hours): 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. <i>See the final page for more information.</i> Post Office (During opening hours): Harbourside Plaza Shopping Centre, Shop 2, 98-100 Sooning St, Nelly Bay.
Scrap Metal including Reo Mesh for Concreting	<p>If still usable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop it at the Tip Shop at the MI Waste Transfer Station OR, List it on the MI Facebook pages for reuse. <p>If unusable take it to the various scrap metal recyclers in Townsville.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i> Scrap Metal Recyclers in Townsville: https://www.yellowpages.com.au/find/metal-recyclers-merchants/townsville-region-qld OR http://mobile.scrapmetal.com.au/business/what-we-buy
Scrunchy/Soft Plastic	<p>If recycling, please ensure they are washed and dried first.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to Townsville and deposit at Coles or Woolworths stores. <p>NB: Choose paper packaging wherever possible.</p>	Coles or Woolworths stores: Townsville.
Second-Hand Clothes & Small Household Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take clean items to local Op Shops, list on MI Facebook pages, OR Take to the Tip Shop at the MI Waste Transfer Station. 	Any time to Vinnies bins: Cook St, Arcadia.
Second-Hand Furniture & Large Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List on MI Facebook pages, OR Take to the Tip Shop at the MI Waste Transfer Station. 	The Tip Shop at MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i>
Sump Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station. 	MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. <i>See the final page for opening hours and contact details.</i>
Tea Bags	<p>Most tea bags contain plastic and micro plastics and should not go into a compost. Research your favourite brand but assume they need to go in the rubbish bin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Alternative:</u> Use tea leaves and grow herbs and plants (e.g. lemon balm and citrus leaves) for herbal teas to save money. 	At home, any time. For further information visit: https://www.1millionwomen.com.au/blog/tea-bag-or-not-tea-bag-guide-plastic-free-tea/
Tea Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost. <u>Alternative:</u> Jade plants love tea leaves. Grow jade in a pot beside your backdoor and feed with the tea leaves. 	At home, any time.

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Threads (Unwanted materials)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate clean materials to the 'Threads' Zero Waste MI group. 	Any time. For further information visit https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/contact
Tiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used to create beautiful mosaic items. Give to Zero Waste MI who will donate to mosaic artists. 	Any time. For further information visit https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/contact
Timber/Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List on MI Facebook pages, OR • Ask if the MI Men's Shed in Horseshoe Bay can use it, OR • Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station. 	MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. See the final page for opening hours and contact details.
Toothbrushes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place clean items in the labelled bin at Kindy. • <u>Alternative:</u> Used toothbrushes can be used as micro scrubbing brushes in the bathroom or kitchen. Invest in brushes with removable heads. 	Any time at the Kindy (C&K Early Childhood Centre): Sooning Street, Nelly Bay.
Toothpaste	Clean out tubes before disposing by cutting in them in half and you get more toothpaste too! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place in the labelled bin at Kindy. • <u>Alternative:</u> Consider making your own toothpaste. 	Any time at the Kindy (C&K Early Childhood Centre): Sooning Street, Nelly Bay.
TVs & White Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycle through the various MI Facebook pages including 'Freecycle' or 'buy, swap, sell'. • Take to the MI Waste Transfer Station. 	The Tip Shop at MI Transfer Station: West Point Road, Picnic Bay. See the final page for opening hours and contact details.
Water Filters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take to Officeworks. 	Officeworks (During opening hours): 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park. See the final page for more information.

Zero Waste Magnetic Island Website: <https://www.zerowastemi.org.au>

Zero Waste Magnetic Island Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/386577161922737>

'Threads' Zero Waste Magnetic Island Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/425068864748334>

The Tip Shop at the MI Transfer Station, West Point Road, Picnic Bay.

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7am to 4pm (Last vehicle 3.45pm)

Sat & Sun 9am to 12noon (Last vehicle 11.45am)

E: enquiries@townsville.qld.gov.au P: 1300 878 001 <https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/water-waste-and-environment/waste-and-recycling>

Officeworks 48 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park.

Opening hours: 8am to 7pm, 7 days a week.

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/information/about-us/sustainability/environment/recycling>

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