

EnviroMatters

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Keep Raglan clean and safe this summer

The busy summer period has started - with families, friends and visitors arriving in town, meaning more waste to manage. Our Xtreme Zero Waste collection team is out there every day clearing the street bins, servicing businesses and providing the kerbside and resource recovery parks service. The summer boom puts us under huge pressure to handle the extra volumes and we need your help!

Make this year Zero Waste Christmas

- At Kaahu's Nest at the Te Hutewai Resource Recovery Park has infinite opportunities for making your Christmas waste free this year. We have everything you need to upcycle or create fantastic homemade Christmas gifts.

- The Wood Yard has beautiful Upcycled furniture and timber for creative projects-make a planter or outdoor furniture.

For gardeners we have locally made bagged carbon and super food compost. You can use it to pot up a native tree, fruit tree or herb – the gift that keeps on giving, also saving money.

We have a huge range of Christmas Trees, decorations, lights and Santa dress ups. Decorate your house without spending loads of much needed money, while recycling and reusing!



Photo: Cam from Xtreme Zero Waste shows off upcycled goods.

Help keep our Public Spaces Free of Litter

Rubbish left on our beaches, parks and walkways is ugly and a hazard to wildlife. If we all do our part and pick up after ourselves – and often others, we can keep these areas beautiful and safe. Please take your rubbish to the nearest bin or take it home.

Please Recycle Downtown

You can recycle glass, plastic and aluminum cans downtown and in public areas in the Recycling bins provided. Please recycle rather than putting these recycleable items in the rubbish bins – our town diverts over 178,833 kg's of recycling from landfill each year but we need your help to do this!

If you are buying presents buy local! Support our community and its businesses. Think about the packaging your gifts come in, take your own bag to collect gifts. Avoid poorly manufactured gifts that will deteriorate quickly and end up in landfill. Try purchasing items that can have numerous uses, can be upcycled, repurposed or composted.

We look forward to seeing you at Raglan Resource Recovery Centre, 186 Te Hutewai Road.
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Raglan's Reusable Shopping Bag

Thanks to the wonderful work by the Plastic Bag Free Raglan (PBFR) team and volunteers, Whāingaroa households have recently received a koha reusable jute shopping bag and we are starting to see them being used around town. These bags will be a great help in moving our community to a 'single-use plastic shopping bag free town'. Remember to take yours with you each time you shop!

If you'd like another jute bag for your household or live outside of the distribution area, you can buy one for \$15 from The Herbal Dispensary, Matapihi Art Gallery, WOK - Whāingaroa Organic Kai, Te Uku store and at the Whāingaroa

Environment Centre on 'WEC Wednesday's'. Every week in the summer, Raglan businesses supply over 20,000 single-use plastic shopping bags to customers. Single-use plastic bags are considered valueless when it comes to recycling, and less than half of these bags end up in landfill. An alarming number 'escape' into the environment. Plastic is not going to go away anytime soon. It will take years and years for one plastic bag to decompose, and when it does it will leave behind chemical toxins, contaminating whatever area it's laying in.

PBFR have also been working hard to introduce compostable bags to businesses: We are happy

to announce that several businesses are now stocking these bags. Please support these businesses, and if you do need a bag ask for a compostable one!

For updates and more information on PBFR visit plasticbagfreeraglan.nz or follow PBFR on Facebook and Instagram.



Photo: Reusable shopping bags were given out to residents.

As well as over 40 Raglan retailers already providing paper/alternative carry bags, these businesses are now stocking compostable bags for their customers: Four Square • The Herbal Dispensary • Orca • Raglan Book & Gift Centre • Raglan Pharmacy • SuperValue Topcut Butchery • Whaingaroa Organic Kai

With your help together we CAN save the world's rarest dolphins:

Fisherman? Don't use set nets where dolphins may be found; Stay with your net – if you see dolphins, lift your net immediately

Boatie? Use a 'no wake' speed within 300m of dolphins; Don't swim with Māui dolphins or attempt to feed them

Cat lover? Don't dispose of cat litter or other animal faeces in toilets, drains or stormwater systems – this may contribute to the spread of parasitic disease to the dolphins

Everyone: Recycle and don't litter – Māui may swallow or get entangled in rubbish; Support community groups and NGO's that help Māui dolphins; Get involved with government decision making – vote, write letters supporting Māui/marine conservation, stay informed and submit on public consultations.

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