



5 TIPS FOR AN EFFICIENT WOODBURNING FIRE

- Clean the inside of your firebox with a wire brush, a build up of soot can reduce heat efficiency by up to 50%.
- Clean the ash pile regularly - a deep ash bed can smother your fire. Remember to dispose of the ashes safely.
- Check condition of fire bricks, baffles, plates, doors and seals - damage to any of these reduces efficiency.
 - Have your chimney swept and checked at the start of every season.
 - Use seasoned wood - dry and lightweight wood burns efficiently. Unseasoned wet & heavy wood uses more energy to burn and builds creosote in the flue, creating blocked chimneys and a fire risk.

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A WAITOMO NEWS SPECIAL FEATURE



CALLING FOR HELP: Waitomo District Council's environmental and regulatory services leader Elsa du Toit says residents can drop their old phones at the council's offices in Queen St as well as the Te Kuiti i-SITE on Rora St, or Waitomo District Library.

Keeping our Kiwi kids air ambulance mobile

NORTH King Country district councils are calling on you to help raise funds for The Starship National Air Ambulance Service.

All it takes is for you to drop off your old mobile phones at the Waitomo District Council's offices on Queen St, Te Kuiti i-SITE, Waitomo District Library or the local landfill.

In Otorohanga and Kawhia, residents can drop their old phones into local recycling centres.

ALL PHONES WELCOME

Once collected, they are passed to recycling company Swapkit who grade the phones, wipe the data and remove and destroy SIM and memory cards.

Phones that can still be used are sold to off-shore businesses that specialise in the resale of second-hand phones. Those that are unusable are broken down and recycled.

All mobile phones are accepted regardless of make, model or condition.

AIR AMBULANCE

More importantly, all proceeds go to Starship's air ambulance service which flies medical experts to emergencies around the country and/or brings children back to Starship Hospital in Auckland for lifesaving care.

And with a new Starship National Air Ambulance plane, children in dire medical emergencies will be getting the attention they need much faster.

The King Air 350 turbo prop is faster and quieter

than the previous plane, enables long range, non-stop flights to nearly all New Zealand destinations.

Its speed, of up to 300 knots, means it has faster response and retrieval times than the previous Starship air ambulance service.

Decked out with childlike pictures on the exterior, it may look like fun on the outside but it's all serious business on the inside.

"Starship Hospital has the national paediatric intensive care unit (PICU)," says clinical director John Beca.

"And a dedicated team can fly anywhere in the country at any time of the day or night to treat a seriously ill or injured child.

"The high-tech equipment on-board is a mobile intensive care unit with full life-support capabilities. However, we shouldn't under-estimate the value of having a more child-friendly plane on the outside either, as this can help reduce anxiety for the patient and their family at a very stressful time."

Starship Foundation is a charity which raises \$1.5 million annually for the air ambulance service and the national children's hospital which sees 120,000 youngsters each year.

For more information, visit the website – starship.org.nz/airambulance

For more mobile appeal information contact Kate Bunge, kateb@swapkit.co.nz or visit the website – starship.org.nz/foundation/mobile-phone-appeal



AIR SUPPORT: The new King Air 350 turbo prop for Starship's National Air Ambulance is faster and quieter and has been decked out with childlike pictures on its exterior – a dramatic contrast to the serious work that goes on inside. PHOTO SUPPLIED



Old mobile phones can do **INCREDIBLE** things!

Please **donate** your old or **unwanted phones** to any one of the collection bins at our Otorohanga or Kawhia recycling centres and **help change a life or two.**

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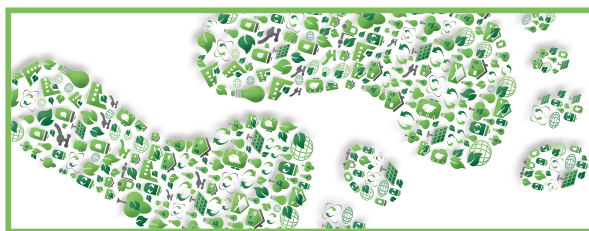
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A WAITOMO NEWS SPECIAL FEATURE

Oto College wins new waste bins

AN Otorohanga College recycling programme is paying dividends for students, staff and the environment.

And their environmentally-friendly methods of reducing waste have earned them a share in a \$48,000 pool prize from the Environmental Education for Resource Sustainability Trust (EERST).

The college's staff and students have long been advocates of recycling paper and cardboard, driven by caretaker Mike Smith.

EERST's Paper4trees programme rewards their recycling efforts with native trees which have been planted throughout the grounds.

The college is also one of 12 schools to receive a set of purpose-built, stainless steel recycling bins from the trust.

PROVIDE PROOF

EERST chairman Marty Hoffart says bin recipients had to prove they were already reducing waste.

"They also had to demonstrate they genuinely needed the bins and were committed to using them."

Mr Hoffart says the bin competition was designed to remedy "the frightening number of aluminium cans, glass and plastic bottles tossed in schools waste bins each year".

"We feel they're [Oto College] really keen about recycling, but they just need a bit of a hand up to get some infrastructure into the school," says Mr Hoffart.

"We certainly wish them luck with their recycling efforts."

BINS TOO DEAR

Principal Timoti Harris says staff and students have been looking at ways to get rid of their rubbish with as little environmental impact as possible.

He says the bins have made their job easier to "make the living world around us healthier".

"Glass, plastic and aluminium containers have been filling our rubbish bins around the campus for a long time so we looked at buying recycling bins.

"However, the costs were high and outside our budget. With these bins, we have taken the next important step to make our college a fully operating recycling institution.

"Recycling glass, plastic and aluminium is a wonderful way to protect our environment.

"We are most grateful to EERST for these bins and to Mike [Smith] for the work he put into the preparation of the successful application."



WASTE NOT: These stainless steel recycling bins, already in use at Hamilton's Hillcrest High School will soon be installed at Otorohanga College. PHOTO SUPPLIED

**Congratulations
Otorohanga College
on your commitment to
waste minimisation.
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be an asset to your school.**



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