

Press Release:

Headline: TechCollect NZ partners with The Warehouse Group to add another six e-waste drop-off sites across New Zealand

TechCollect NZ (TCNZ) is working with New Zealand's leading retailer, The Warehouse Group (TWG), to reduce the amount of e-waste going to landfill. The addition of six new sites expands TCNZ's capacity to fulfill its mission of reducing the environmental impact of e-waste in Aotearoa.

Auckland, New Zealand, January 2022: TCNZ have announced the expansion of its national programme network by the addition of six new e-waste drop-off sites. These new sites will be provided via participating Warehouse Stationery stores. Michael Dudley, Senior Policy Manager for TCNZ, comments on the partnership, "Special thanks to our partners at The Warehouse Group for helping us forge the way towards Aotearoa's circular e-waste future. The addition of six Warehouse Stationery stores to our national network mean that Kiwis have even greater access to free recycling options for their unwanted and end-of-life ICT equipment".

The new drop-off sites include:

1	Warehouse Stationery – East Tamaki	Cnr Greenmount and, Ti Rakau Drive, East Tāmaki, Auckland 2013
2	Warehouse Stationery – Manukau	51-55 Lambie Drive, Manukau City Centre, Auckland 2104
3	Warehouse Stationery – Hamilton	Cnr Ward and Anglesea Streets Hamilton, WKO 3200
4	Warehouse Stationery – Coastlands	Coastlands Shoppingtown, Main Hwy Paraparaumu, WGN 5036
5	Warehouse Stationery – Petone	Annie Huggan Grove, Petone, Lower Hutt 5012
6	Warehouse Stationery – South City	11-13 Winchcombe Street, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch 8011

E-waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams in the world, with the average Kiwi generating more than 21 kilograms of e-waste each year. It is estimated that nearly 100,000 tonnes of e-waste is generated in New Zealand annually.

These additional sites will greatly help in ensuring that more of this e-waste is recycled responsibly and under strict health and safety guidelines. Accepted e-waste items people can drop-off for free include computers, laptops, notebooks, tablets, palmtops, CRT monitors and projectors, LCD, flat panel monitors, printers, scanners, multi-functional devices, cameras, video cameras and computer peripherals, including power supplies and adaptors.

“With The Warehouse Group’s support, we will rescue valuable materials from landfill, help to create more jobs in NZ’s resource recovery sector, make the Kiwi-economy more resilient and achieve impressive environmental outcomes along the way. We also want to thank our members at Apple, Canon NZ, Dell, HP New Zealand, Microsoft and Toshiba for making this vital initiative possible”, says Dudley.

The Warehouse Group Chief Sustainability Officer, David Benattar says the company is proud to further support efforts to build Aotearoa’s circular e-waste future with the expansion of the initiative.

“We all have old or unwanted electronic equipment in the cupboard that we don’t know what to do with. Kiwis want to recycle but they often don’t know where to take their items, especially electronics. The programme expansion to Warehouse Stationery not only improves consumer access to an effective recycling solution for a significant waste stream but will also provide valuable insights to inform an ongoing regulated e-waste product stewardship system in New Zealand.”

“We are proud to be taking a leadership role, in partnership with TechCollect NZ and its members, in driving this important agenda and making it simpler for people to do the right thing.”

About The Warehouse Group

The Warehouse Group (TWG) was founded by Stephen Tindall in 1982 and is the largest general merchandise retailer in New Zealand. The Warehouse Group is a group that consists of The Warehouse, Warehouse Stationery, Noel Leeming, Torpedo7, and TheMarket.

TWG is the first large organisation in New Zealand and the third major retailer in the world, to go carbon zero. The Group is a member of New Zealand’s Sustainable Business Council (SBC) and the Climate Leaders Coalition (CLC), of which it is a founding member.

TWG has represented the Climate Leaders Coalition as part of a delegation led by Climate Minister, James Shaw, at COP25 and COP26.

The Group has an e-waste solutions expansion target of 100% of its store catchments by end-2022.

www.thewarehousegroup.co.nz

About TechCollect NZ

TechCollect NZ is a not-for-profit organisation established by leading global technology companies committed to supporting the development of a regulated product stewardship scheme for electrical and electronic products in Aotearoa.



TechCollect NZ works with a range of collection partners to provide a free collection and recycling service for ICT equipment in Aotearoa. This free service is available to households and small businesses looking to recycle responsibly once their ICT equipment is unwanted or has reached end of its useful life.

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