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RECYCLABLES

plastic, metal, glass, paper



- All Plastic Containers
- Metal Cans, Foil & Scraps
- Glass Bottles & Jars Only
- All Paper That Tears
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Cardboard Packaging

ORGANICS

compostable kitchen and yard waste only



- All Food Scraps
- Food-soiled Paper:
Paper Plates
Napkins
& Paper Towels
- Yard Trimmings

GARBAGE ONLY

if all else fails



- Styrofoam
- Non-recyclable Glass
- Non-recyclable Packaging
- Plastic NOT Marked
With ♻️
- Human or Animal Waste
*including bathroom & facial tissue

A Guide to Reducing Waste at Community Events.

Work with Event Vendors

- Communicate all vendor information electronically.
- Include information about available Recyclables and Organics collection in vendor packets. State that proper sorting is required.
- Obligate vendors to participate in waste reduction activities as part of vendor contract. Disallow the use or distribution of single-use disposable items like plastic bags and Styrofoam cups. Do not allow vendors to distribute printed handouts to all attendees; ask vendors to place a limited amount of handouts on a table where only those interested may take one.
- Suggest donation opportunities for leftover food and other items.
- Encourage vendors to reward attendees for reuse. For example, offer a discount when attendees bring their own reusable cup or shopping bag.

- Instruct food vendors to serve fare that does not require plates or utensils:
 - Finger foods, such as churros, pretzels, or ice cream cones.
 - Foods on compostable sticks, such as corn dogs, cotton candy, or kabobs.
 - Food wrapped in paper, such as hot dogs, snow cones, or sandwiches.



- Instruct food vendors to provide condiments (sugar, salt, ketchup, mustard, etc.) in bulk instead of in single-serving disposable packaging.

- Compel vendors to choose durable, reusable giveaway items (if any), such as reusable bottles and bags.



- Consult with vendors to determine the types of waste that will be generated at your event. Create collection container signs to indicate what waste items belong in each container. Include photos or samples of acceptable materials. If possible, place signs near eye level and make sure they are visible from a distance. Reuse signs at future events.

Additional Resources:

www.calrecycle.ca.gov
www.epa.gov



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- Evaluate the waste collection needs of your event. Make note of the number of expected attendees, number and type of vendors, and geographic area of the event.
- Contact Alameda County Industries. A helpful representative will review your event data and make recommendations.
- Develop a service contract with Alameda County Industries that specifies the materials to be collected, number and type of collection bins to be provided, container delivery dates and times, cost, and contact information.



Alameda County Industries has an exclusive franchise with the Cities of Alameda and San Leandro and must be used for all hauling services.

Day of Event Recommendations

- Cluster collection bins in "stations." Make sure a Recyclables container always accompanies a Garbage container. In food service areas, add an Organics container to each station.
- Place collection stations in high-traffic areas, such as near restrooms, food stands, entrances, and exits.
- Make collection stations consistent by placing containers in the same order and using repeat signage.
- Monitor collection stations throughout the day and sort contents as needed to reduce contamination.
- Empty containers as needed.
- Provide repeated public announcements, information in attendee and vendor packets, and signage to publicize waste sorting procedures.
- Visit vendors to answer questions and ensure they are following procedures.



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Make This a Waste Free Event!

CHECKLIST FOR VENDORS



FOLLOW THESE TIPS:

- Use, sell, giveaway and/or otherwise encourage durable and reusable items.
- Do NOT distribute:
 - Single-use plastic bags
 - Styrofoam or any other non-recyclable and non-compostable plates & cups
 - Unrequested handouts
- Do distribute:
 - Reusable cups/bottles
 - Reusable plates and utensils
 - Reusable shopping bags
- Create less waste by buying in bulk and avoiding excess packaging.
- Make use of reusable transport packaging. Instead of bringing supplies in cardboard boxes that will need to be recycled, invest in durable/reusable crates.
- Utilize products that are made from recycled content and can be recycled again. Compostable paper products are a good choice too.
- Sort and dispose of your waste materials correctly. Clearly marked collection containers have been provided for Garbage, Recyclables (bottles, cans, and clean paper products including cardboard) and Organics (food waste, food-soiled paper, and wax paper).



FOOD SERVICE TIPS:

- Serve foods that do not require plates or utensils:
 - Finger foods such as churros, pretzels, hot dogs, sandwiches, corn on the cob, turkey legs, snow cones and ice cream cones.
 - Foods on compostable sticks, such as corn dogs, cotton candy or kabobs.
- Provide condiments (sugar, salt, ketchup, mustard, etc.) in bulk instead of in single-serving disposable packaging.
- Research opportunities for donating leftover food and other items.



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