

# EVENT COORDINATORS SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH VENDORS

## RECYCLING GUIDELINES FOR YOUR UPCOMING EVENT

**As a participant in the event vendors must comply with the following rules.**

- **Aluminum, cardboard, glass, and plastics will be recycled at the event.**
- Per the special event permit, and Resolution 19-174: no plastic bags, plastic cutlery, plastic straws or polystyrene are to be used at the event.

### HELPFUL GUIDELINES FOR PURCHASING ALTERNATE/SUSTAINABLE ITEMS

**CUPS-** If you use plastic cups, please make sure they are #1, #2, or #5 plastic so they are recyclable. Paper cups are now acceptable in our recycling stream. The most sustainable cups are aluminum, they are recyclable, make great souvenirs, and can advertise your business.

**CUTLERY-** The useful life of disposable cutlery is measured in minutes, but their impact lasts a lifetime. **Reduce waste by asking customers if they need utensils.** Purchase single item cutlery, not fork/spoon/knife bundles for customers. No cutlery is recyclable but bamboo, wood and plant-based items are made from sustainable resources. Reusable is always best but not always practical.

**PLASTIC BAGS-** Practice supplying a bag “only upon request”. Reusable bags are the best and offer a great opportunity to advertise your business.

**STRAWS-** Practice “upon request” methods with straws too.

**POLYSTYRENE-** There are many sustainable containers that can accommodate food service needs. Wheat straw fiber, bamboo or sugarcane are all options. Read labels carefully for hot or cold service.

**CARDBOARD-** Clean dry cardboard is 100% recyclable. Break down boxes and set aside.

- When researching alternative supplies, be aware of Greenwashing (making a product seem more environmentally friendly than it is) Read labels carefully. Here is a link to an Ocean Friendly Foodware Guide <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V14s9afy3M-9a8VT8EjCXypIClYjLOsj/view>

**Take a moment to think about  
the wares you offer and  
the lifecycle of the  
products you are using.**

**Questions?**

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