

Zero Waste Vendor Information

The 2014 Healthy Melrose Fair will be Melrose's first large-scale **zero waste** event. The goal of zero waste is to recycle and compost as much as possible with little to no trash left over. The vendors will play an essential role in achieving this goal therefore the fair requires all vendors comply with the requirements below. The first list is requirements and the next list is optional. If you fulfill optional items, on the fair day we will add a sign to your table designating that you went above and beyond the requirements.

Vendor requirements:

1. All cutlery, plates, napkins, cups, spoons etc. need to be compostable.
2. Styrofoam is banned from the fair.
3. No individual table will have trash containers. Each vendor will receive a map of all waste station locations so you can direct attendees to the correct locations.

Vendors are encouraged to:

1. Use reusable or recyclable containers and packaging. (e.g. transportation of materials in reusable containers rather than disposal cardboard boxes, selling items in reusable or recycling containers such as bottles and cans)
2. Provide condiments (e.g. ketchup, mustard, salad dressing) in bulk instead of in individual containers.
3. Sell foods that do not require utensils (e.g. sandwiches, kabobs, egg rolls).
4. Not using plastic bags, disposable decorations, balloons or giveaways. All promotional items given away by a vendor shall not be individually wrapped (reducing packaging).
5. Use handouts and brochures that are printed in a sustainable manner:
 - a. Use 100% post-consumer recycled paper
 - b. Print on both sides of paper
 - c. If documents are printed at a print shop, request soy-based inks
 - d. Limit number of handouts and make materials available online
6. Not provide pre-packaged goodie bags. Let attendees pick up materials they are interested in instead of providing materials they may not want.

We appreciate your support and hope you are as enthusiastic as we are to make this a successful zero waste event. If your business or organization needs help fulfilling the zero waste requirements, contact Melrose's Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, Jessie Schmitt, at jschmitt@cityofmelrose.org.