

ACC Event Recycling & Composting Requirements

Per **Solid Waste Policy SW-021(F)**, all events sponsored or held by the Unified Government or permitted by the Unified Government through a special events permit must provide or arrange for recycling collection services. In addition, all events with two or more food and/or beverage vendors must use reusable, recyclable or compostable materials for any single-use items.

Exceptions include: Individually, professionally pre-packaged food items (e.g., candy bars, popsicles, or bags of chips)

All food vendors must fill out and submit to ACC Solid Waste a Special Event Food Vendor Application and pay a \$25 application fee.

Guidelines for Events with 2 or more Food Vendors

- Event organizer is responsible for notifying all food vendors of this policy and ensuring they follow all guidelines.
- Event organizer must send a list of all food vendors to the Solid Waste Department at recycle@accgov.com no later than 30 days prior to the event date.
- All vendors are required to use compostable or recyclable greenware, including but not limited to plates, bowls, cups, and flatware.
- All food vendors must fill out and **submit to ACC Solid Waste a Special Event Food Vendor Application** and pay a \$25 application fee.
- Plastic or paper cups may be used for free-draining liquid beverages (e.g., water, soda, juice, beer) instead of compostable cups ONLY if the cups can be recycled empty and free of food residue. If the cup will not be empty and free of food residue then a compostable cup MUST be used.
- Cups (and their accompanying lids) used for solid foods and/or more viscous fluids (e.g., frappes, milkshakes, soups, chili) must be made of compostable materials.
- The Recycling Division is available to assist food vendors with material selection to ensure all guidelines are followed.

Purchasing Tips

- Individually professionally pre-packaged food items are allowed under Policy SW-021.
- For any serving materials that would be unrecyclable due to food residue, compostable alternatives MUST be used.
 - For example:
 - Cups used for solid foods and/or more viscous fluids (e.g., frappes, milkshakes, soups, chili)
 - Plates, bowls, sauce cups
- All utensils and straws must be compostable. Please purchase a non-traditional color option to help distinguish them from the non-compostable alternative. Any color other than black or white is preferred.
- Cups used for free-draining liquid beverages (e.g., water, soda, juice, beer) that are made from plastic, paper, or aluminum may be used instead of compostable cups ONLY if the cups can be recycled empty and clean of food residue.

Food Vendor Waste Signage

Directions:

- See the sample signs and use them to specify the materials at your event to create your personalized signs.
- Use the Elements to the left to search for images or upload your own.
- See the Waste Sort pages for the correct bin each items should go.
- Add vendor and event logos to the appropriate sign.
- Please email denise.plemmons@accgov.com with any questions.
- Once your sign is complete, please download your slide (File>Download>PDF) and email to denise.plemmons@accgov.com to verify the information is correct.

LANDFILL



PERMITTED

Individually professionally pre-packaged food items are allowed under Policy SW-021

PRE-PACKAGED FOOD



**CONDIMENT
PACKETS**



CHIP BAGS



WRAPPERS

LANDFILL



NOT PERMITTED

The items listed below are examples of materials NOT allowed under Policy SW-021. Compostable alternatives MUST be used. Cups used for solid foods and/or more viscous fluids (e.g., frappes, milkshakes, soups, chili) must be compostable.



**PLASTIC-COATED
PAPER PLATES**



PLASTIC UTENSILS



PLASTIC STRAWS



**PLASTIC SAUCE
CUPS**



STYROFOAM



**DIRTY PLASTIC-
COATED PAPER
CONTAINERS**



**DIRTY PLASTIC
CONTAINERS**



PLASTIC BAGS

RECYCLE



PERMITTED

Cups used for free-draining liquid beverages (e.g., water, soda, juice, beer) that are made from plastic, paper or glass may be used instead of compostable cups ONLY if the cups can be recycled empty and clean of food residue.

For a material to be recyclable it must be empty and free of food debris.



EMPTY CANS



EMPTY CUPS



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EMPTY BOTTLES

DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN RECYCLING



**NO
FOOD**



**NO
STYROFOAM**



**NO
PLASTIC BAGS**



**CONDIMENT
PACKETS**



CHIP BAGS



WRAPPERS



PAPER PLATES



PLASTIC UTENSILS



PLASTIC STRAWS



DIRTY CONTAINERS

DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN RECYCLING



REMOVE PLASTIC WRAP FROM THE CARDBOARD FLAT

**RECYCLE CARDBOARD AND TRASH THE PLASTIC OR
SAVE AND TAKE TO CHaRM**

COMPOST



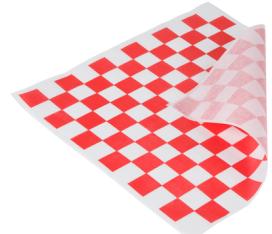
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Compostable products must be BPI Certified Compostable

PLASTIC-FREE PAPER



NAPKIN



DELI PAPER



BOWL



BOX

BIOPLASTICS



STRAW



CUP



UTENSILS



PAPER
STRAW



TRAY



CUP



PLATE



POPSICLE
STICK



& **YOUR LOGO** bring you a

ZEROWASTE
E V E N T

Help make **YOUR EVENT NAME** a Zero Waste Event by using the appropriate bin for recycling, composting, and landfill.

All food containers, plates, and utensils are compostable.

Ayude a que YOUR EVENT NAME sea un evento sin basura el contenedor apropiado para reciclaje, compostaje o vertedero.

Toda la comida, los cubiertos, contenedores y platos son compostables.

RECYCLE
RECICLAR



COMPOST



LANDFILL
VERTEDERO



RECYCLE

COMPOST

LANDFILL



EMPTY CANS



EMPTY BOTTLES



EMPTY CUPS



BOWL



CUP



NAPKIN



STYROFOAM



PLASTIC BAGS



CHIP BAGS



UTENSILS



PLATE



POPSICLE STICK



WRAPPERS

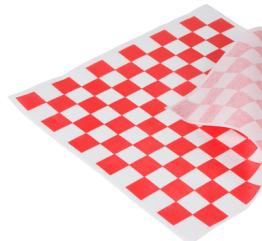
RECYCLE COMPOST LANDFILL



EMPTY CUPS



FOOD



DELI PAPER



STRAW

LANDFILL VERTEDERO



CONDIMENT PACKETS
PAQUETES DE SALSAS



CHIP BAGS
BOLSAS DE SNACKS



WRAPPERS
DE COMIDA



STYROFOAM
ESPUMA DE POLIESTIRENO



PLASTIC BAGS
BOLSAS DE PLÁSTICO



&

bring you a

ZEROWASTE
E V E N T

RECYCLE RECICLAR



EMPTY CANS
LATAS VACIAS



EMPTY CUPS
TAZAS VACIAS



EMPTY BOTTLES
BOTELLAS VACIAS

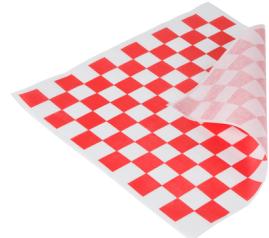


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ZEROWASTE
E V E N T

COMPOST



PAPER
PAPEL



BOWL
TAZONES



NAPKIN
SERVILLETAS



UTENSILS
CUBIERTOS



TRAY
BANDEJAS



PLATE
PLATOS



BOX
CAJAS



FOOD
COMIDAS



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bring you a

ZEROWASTE
EVENT



& **YOUR LOGO** bring you a **ZEROWASTE**
E V E N T

Help make Athens' largest festival a Zero Waste Event by using the appropriate bin for recycling, composting, and landfill.

RECYCLE



EMPTY BOTTLES

COMPOST



**POPSICLE
STICK**



**UNEATEN
POPSICLE**



NAPKIN

LANDFILL



WRAPPER

YOUR LOGO