

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**



**LID**



**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



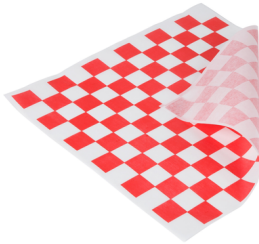
## PERMITTED

Compostable products must be BPI Certified Compostable

### PLASTIC-FREE PAPER



**NAPKIN**



**DELI PAPER**



**BOWL**



**BOX**



**PAPER  
STRAW**



**TRAY**



**CUP**



**PLATE**

### BIOPLASTICS



**STRAW**



**CUP**



**UTENSILS**



**POPSICLE  
STICK**

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE  
DEPARTMENT



& **YOUR LOGO** bring you a

**ZERO WASTE  
EVENT**

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**



**TRAY**



**UTENSILS**



**POPSICLE  
STICK**



**BOX**



**PLATE**



**STYROFOAM**



**PLASTIC BAGS**



**CHIP BAGS**



**WRAPPERS**

**RECYCLE**



**COMPOST**



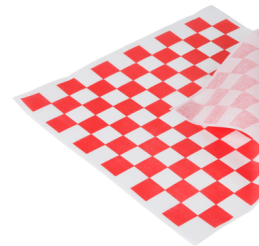
**LANDFILL**



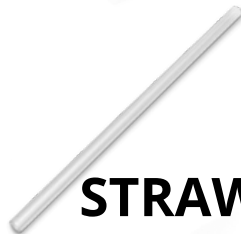
**EMPTY CUPS**



**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**

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**SOLID WASTE**  
**DEPARTMENT**



&

bring you a

**ZERO WASTE**  
**E V E N T**

# RECYCLE *RECICLAR*



**EMPTY CANS**  
***LATAS VACIAS***



**EMPTY CUPS**  
***TAZAS VACIAS***



**EMPTY BOTTLES**  
***BOTELLAS VACIAS***



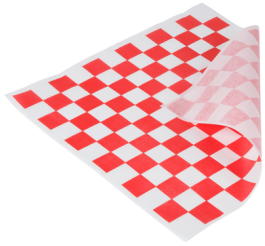
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**ZERO WASTE**  
**E V E N T**



# COMPOST



**PAPER**  
**PAPEL**



**BOWL**  
**TAZONES**



**NAPKIN**  
**SERVILLETAS**



**UTENSILS**  
**CUBIERTOS**



**TRAY**  
**BANDEJAS**



**PLATE**  
**PLATOS**



**BOX**  
**CAJAS**



**FOOD**  
**COMIDAS**

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
**SOLID WASTE  
DEPARTMENT**



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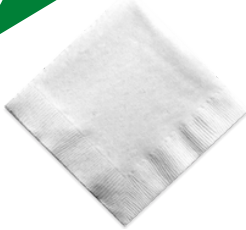

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**ZERO WASTE**  
EVENT



& **YOUR LOGO** bring you a **ZERO WASTE**  
EVENT

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

<b>RECYCLE</b> 	<b>COMPOST</b> 	<b>LANDFILL</b> 
 <b>EMPTY BOTTLES</b>	 <b>POPSICLE STICK</b>  <b>UNEATEN POPSICLE</b>	 <b>NAPKIN</b>  <b>WRAPPER</b>  <b>YOUR LOGO</b>