

## Zero Waste Event Stallholders Information;

Think how you can avoid creating waste before you start the event. Look at what you bring in and if it will create waste that has to go to landfill. All **Stall holders take their rubbish home with them.** Materials that are recyclable or compostable can be deposited in the recycling facilities provided.

### Step 1. Avoid

- Think about the handouts or material you give away. Eco friendly giveaways could include: Reusable bags, reusable drink bottles or mugs, fridge magnets or stickers. Avoid disposable items.
- Avoid excess packaging; can food be given on a serviette instead of in a container?
- Consider finger foods that don't require utensils.

### Step 2: Reduce

- Ask people if they would like a lid for their coffee, a serviette/a straw/chopsticks etc rather than automatically giving them one; many don't need one.
- Substitute plastic bags with paper bags or compostable plastic bags e.g. a recyclable paper bag is ideal for small dry items like lollies; paper bags are 'back in vogue'.
- Use the smallest size container that you need per serve.
- Give patrons a squirt of sauce or mustard, soy out of a bottle instead of little sachets.

### Step 3: Reuse

- Bring food or ingredients to the event in reusable containers instead of on plates with gladwrap.

### Step 3: Set up

Consider your stalls interior set up, mimic the public recycling set up by having three bins inside your stall. To save standing at the recycle stand sorting through food waste to find your staff's tins and plastic, make life easier by separating at the source into three colour coded, well labelled bins!

- **RED** landfill (take home)
- **YELLOW** recycle (welcome to leave with us)
- **GREEN** compost (welcome to leave with us)

You will reduce your own waste by 1/3 at least.

**Step 4: Recycle.** Stall holders are required to bring their recycling directly to one of the sorting sites

Our waste provider WILL accept	They will NOT accept,
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tins and cans</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plastic containers with food on it.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CLEAN Plastics 1 and 2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tinfoil with food stuck to it.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glass, in separate colour streams.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plastic that does not have the recycling symbol  on it.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardboard</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unrecyclable plastics, such as plastic straws.</li></ul>

**Step 5: Compost;** we will accept

- All food scraps, including eggshells and coffee grounds.
- Any compostable utensils.
- Napkins/non-recyclable paper.
- Use compostable packaging only. This means no polystyrene or plastic containers. Unlike plastic, compostable packaging is made from renewable resources (plants) and breaks down in our compost.

There are many compostable alternatives for packaging now available.

WATCH OUT; for degradable packaging which is often labelled to look green, this breaks in to micro-plastics and is toxic, Biodegradable plastic can also contain toxic chemicals, only compostable packaging can be returned to the whenua.

## Compostable Packaging Requirement

**This event requires that all stall holders selling *food* use compostable food packaging.** This means no polystyrene or plastic containers, for items in contact with food or drinks leaving a residue.

This is because plastic cannot be recycled unless it is clean. IF YOU NEED TO USE PLASTIC

We recommend using P.L.A. (Poly Lactic Acid) cups and straws; as other plastics will not be accepted. Unlike conventional plastics, compostable packaging is made from renewable resources (plants) and breaks down in a compost, massively decreasing the impact on the environment.



If you are unsure if your materials comply, please call EcoSolutions on 09 438 8710 or email [ecosolutions@cbec.co.nz](mailto:ecosolutions@cbec.co.nz)

All food and compostable waste is taken away for processing. Ensuring that your packaging is compostable allows us to compost our waste, ANY plastic makes our life difficult, as we have to remove it by hand...YUK!!!!

There are many compostable alternatives for packaging now available:



Paper plates (not shiny) and paper serviettes are suitable for use at this event as they can be composted. Compostable packaging can be purchased locally through Cavaliers in Kaitaia, and Direct Distributors Northland in Whangarei and Haruru Falls.

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### Non-acceptable goods

Normal cardboard coffee and hot chip cups have a plastic lining so **cannot be composted or recycled and are therefore not accepted**. Shiny paper plates (i.e. Poly coated plastic coated), cannot be composted for the same reason.

Plastic cutlery and straws are not recyclable. Plastic cups are usually non-recyclable due to food contamination. Please use wooden cutlery and maize straws if required.

All these items are not compostable or recyclable and **are not accepted** for these reasons.



Shiny paper plates



Plastic straws



Polystyrene



Plastic lined coffee or chip containers

**Your cooperation in supporting waste minimisation and recycling efforts is greatly appreciated!**

To view a comprehensive range of compostable packaging go online:

[www.ecoware.co.nz](http://www.ecoware.co.nz)

[www.friendlypak.co.nz](http://www.friendlypak.co.nz)

<http://earthpac.co.nz/>

<https://innocentpackaging.co.nz>

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