

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.

Will food or drink be sold at this event? ☐ YES ☐ NO

of food/beverage vendors ☐ One food vendor ☐ Two or more food vendors (policy below applies to your event)

Guidelines for Events with 2 or more Food Vendors

- Event organizer is responsible for notifying all food/beverage vendors of this policy and ensuring they follow all guidelines and complete a [Special Event Food Vendor Application](#).
- 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 food vendors must use compostable or recyclable greenware, including but not limited to plates, bowls, cups, and flatware.
- Utensils/straws/food containers MUST be compostable.
- Any materials that will have food or food residue after use are NOT recyclable. A compostable version MUST be used.
 - Paper cups and hard plastic cups (and their accompanying lids) may be used for free-draining liquid beverages (e.g., water, soda, juice, and beer).
 - Compostable cups/bowls and lids MUST be used for solids or thick liquids (e.g., frappes, milkshakes, soups, chili, and anything leaving food residue).
- No disposable items outside of individually professionally prepackaged foods (ice cream, chips, etc.) are allowed.
- **All food vendors must fill out and submit to ACC Solid Waste a [Special Event Food Vendor Application](#) and pay a \$25 application fee.**
- Event planners should inform vendors to submit their forms at least 3 weeks before the event so their materials can be reviewed and allow them time to confirm they have the correct products.
- Vendors that repeatedly use non-recyclable or non-compostable materials may be denied and barred from future participation in events.
- The Recycling Division is available to assist food vendors with material selection to ensure all guidelines are followed.

For a Recycling and Composting Guide and more information:

<https://accgov.com/1348/Event-Recycling-Composting>.

The ACC Solid Waste Department can provide waste removal service for a fee, or the applicant can request event bins from the Recycling Division at no charge.

Waste Removal and Clean-Up Services to be provided by:

☐ ACC Solid Waste Department ☐ Event Volunteers* ☐ Private Contractor (outside downtown only)

The Recycling Division offers event recycling and composting containers for no charge. If volunteers are going to handle the recycling at the event, the Applicant is responsible for the pickup and delivery of all equipment borrowed from the Recycling Division. **Event containers should be requested through our Zero Waste Kit online*
<https://accgov.com/ZeroWaste>

- Recycling bags are included at no charge but composting bags require a fee of \$5 per bag.
- If you require delivery of collection containers, they may be delivered for a \$35 flat fee.

For questions, please contact ACC Solid Waste at 706-613-3501 or recycle@accgov.com.

LANDFILL



RESTRICTED MATERIALS

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



PLASTIC BAGS



**DIRTY
PLASTIC-COATED
PAPER CONTAINERS**



**CONDIMENT
DIRTY PLASTIC
PACKETS
CONTAINERS**

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PERMITTED MATERIALS

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

PRE-PACKAGED FOOD



**CONDIMENT
PACKETS**



CHIP BAGS



WRAPPERS

RECYCLE



PERMITTED MATERIALS

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.



EMPTY CANS



EMPTY CUPS



LIDS



EMPTY BOTTLES



CLEAN FOIL



FLATTENED CARDBOARD

COMPOST

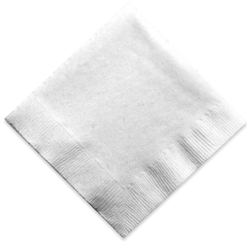


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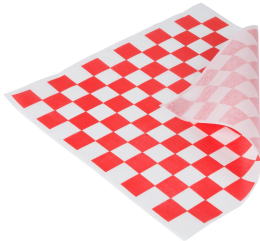
Compostable products must be BPI Certified Compostable.



PLASTIC-FREE PAPER



NAPKIN



DELI PAPER



BOWL



BOX



**PAPER
STRAW**



TRAY



CUP



PLATE

BIOPLASTICS



STRAW



CUP



UTENSILS



**SAUCE
CUP**



**POPSICLE
STICK**