

# ACC Event Recycling & Composting Requirements

## Vendor Guide

Any event sponsored or hosted by ACC or permitted by ACC through a special events permit with two or more food and/or drink vendors must ensure the vendors use reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials instead of single-use items. The event host must provide recycling, compost, and trash disposal.

### Food and Drink Vendor Requirements:

- All food/beverage vendors must use compostable or reusable materials to serve food.
- No disposable items outside of individually prepackaged foods (ice cream, chips, etc.) are allowed.
- Utensils/straws/food containers MUST be compostable.
- Cups and lids used for free-flowing liquids (water, soda, beer, etc.) may be recyclable.
- Cups and lids for solids or thick liquids (milkshakes, soups, anything leaving notable residue) MUST be compostable.
  - Anything with food stuck on it is NOT recyclable and MUST be compostable.
- All food vendors must fill out and submit to ACC a Special Event Food Vendor Application.
  - Food/beverage vendors must submit their ACC a Special Event Food Vendor Application at least 30 days before the event so ACCSW can confirm they have the correct products.
- No disposable items outside of individually professionally prepackaged foods (ice cream, chips, etc.) are allowed.
- Vendors that repeatedly use non-recyclable or non-compostable materials may be denied and barred from future participation in events.
- Look for BPI certification when buying compostable materials.
  - Labeling can be misleading and MANY vendors have purchased items that are not compostable because of this. BPI means it is certified compostable.
  - The following are sources to order greenwares:
    - Let's Go Green, a Conyers-based national distributor of Eco Products [letsgogreen.biz/](http://letsgogreen.biz/)
    - Market Fresh Athens, a Statham, GA-based local distributor of Eco Products - [order@marketfreshathens.com](mailto:order@marketfreshathens.com) or call 706-207-9069.

Look for these certifications when purchasing compostable products:



Scan here to learn more about composting in Athens:



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### 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

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### 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

### COMPOST



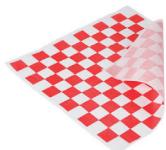
#### PERMITTED

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

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### 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



REMOVE PLASTIC WRAP FROM THE CARDBOARD  
FLAT

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