

# 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 [letszogogreen.biz/](http://letszogogreen.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:**



Contact ACC Recycling Division with questions at [recycle@accgov.com](mailto:recycle@accgov.com) or 706-613-3501

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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



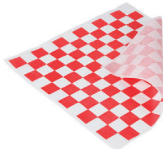
#### PERMITTED

Compostable products must be BPI Certified Compostable

#### PLASTIC-FREE PAPER



NAPKIN



DELI PAPER



BOWL



BOX



PAPER  
STRAW



TRAY



CUP



PLATE

#### BIOPLASTICS



STRAW



CUP



UTENSILS



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**