



WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

To responsibly manage waste at events Council requires that all stallholders support the following measures to reduce waste and improve waste management.

Council has now committed to excluding the use of single use, light-weight plastic bags at Council events and activities.

USE PACKAGING THAT CAN BE RECYCLED

- Use packaging that is made from recyclable materials such as aluminium and steel cans, glass bottles, and plastic drink and hard plastic food containers. Soft plastics and polystyrene products are not recyclable through the event recycling bins even though they may have the recycling symbols and numbers on them.
- Many food and drink containers (e.g. cardboard coffee cups) can now be recycled. Ask your suppliers if their products are recyclable.
- Biodegradable/compostable/degradable cups and containers and bamboo packaging cannot be recycled through the recycling service provided by this event. While biodegradable/compostable/degradable materials are a positive step to reducing landfill waste and recovering resources, they require specific infrastructure to process this material which Council currently doesn't have access to.
- You can recycle your flattened (unwaxed) cardboard boxes by placing them next to the recycling stations at the end of the day. Please note that waxed boxes cannot be recycled.

USE PACKAGING MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

- Food and drink packaging, and other paper products, are readily available in 100% recycled paper. High quality recycled serviettes are economical and can replace plates when serving items such as sausages.
- Use paper bags (preferably 100% recycled) rather than plastic bags. Biodegradable plastic bags are also acceptable.

AVOID UNNECESSARY ITEMS

- Please avoid using the following items as they cannot be recycled, or contain unnecessary packaging;

Polystyrene cups and clamshells	Plastic drinking straws wrapped in paper
Coffee/drinking cup covers	Single serve sugar straws
Balloons	Single serve tomato sauce/condiments
Excessive amounts of paper/cardboard	Wooden stirrers/wooden and bamboo cutlery

- Eliminating these items will not only reduce contamination of the recycling bins but may also save you money.
- Single serve packaging can be hygienically replaced by having self-serving pump or tip containers. Rather than automatically placing a cover on a coffee or drink cup or providing a straw or stirrer, first ask customers if they would like one.
- Coffee vendors are encouraged to add sugar to drinks themselves, thus eliminating the need for stirrers or cutlery.

REUSE

- Please reuse items where possible.

LITTER CONTROL

- Stallholders are responsible for litter around their site. Please regularly clean up around your stall and make sure that any items that may blow away are secured.