

ZERO WASTE EVENT VENDOR GUIDELINES - MINTURN MARKET

This document serves as a tool to further reduce our waste and resource consumption to conserve resources, maximize landfill space, minimize ecosystem destruction and help support our Eagle County community to meet our goal of 30% waste diversion by 2030.

As the commitment to sustainability for this event, we are requiring all vendors to abide by our Zero Waste Guidelines for 2022. We appreciate your help in making this a successful, zero waste event and are available to support you with any questions or concerns. Walking Mountains Science Center is the Zero Waste partner for this event and is available for assistance prior to and during the event.

At the bottom of this document is a *Serviceware Product Inventory* which must be completed and returned to Walking Mountains **two weeks** prior to the first day of the event. Walking Mountains will follow up within five business days if any items listed in your product inventory are not compliant. Additionally, vendors must notify Walking Mountains if there are any changes to their approved inventory five business days prior to the event. The event organizer will be charged an additional noncompliance fee if any vendors are found to be in noncompliance according to this document and the checklist below. The event organizer may then pass that fee along to any non-compliant vendors.

Please contact Emily Dennis, the Zero Waste Lead here at Walking Mountains Science Center, at emilyd@walkingmountains.org with any questions. **We are here to help!**

PRODUCTS

It is required that serviceware be accepted according to the event waste hauler to reduce contamination and decrease the waste entering our local landfill. If you have questions about products being compliant, please contact Amelia Kovacs at emilyd@walkingmountains.org prior to purchasing. If serviceware is being used on site that is not on the approved list you will be required to stop using them and switch to approved products, or pay a fee to provide you with the correct products if available.

Note that not all items that say "recyclable" or "compostable" are accepted in our area and according to the event hauler's rules. It is required to only purchase items on the "acceptable" list.

Acceptable Containers and Serviceware

All *uncoated* paper containers (*plates, bowls, cups, etc.*)
BPI Certified compostable containers
BPI Certified compostable "plastic" cups
BPI Certified compostable utensils (*spoons, forks, knives*)
BPI Certified compostable coffee cups
BPI Certified compostable condiment containers/portion cups
Paper napkins and paper towels
Wax paper or deli wrap
Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Cups
Aluminum Foil (*must be clean, dry, free of food residue, and balled up*)

Aluminum Trays (*must be scraped clean*)
Corrugated cardboard/boxes

Prohibited Containers and Serviceware

Plastic #1-6 Cups
Plastic clamshells containers
Non-compostable plastic utensils (*including all products made from "recycled content"*)
Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam™) products
Plastic Straws
Plastic-coated paper products and to-go containers
Plastic wrap/wrappers
Plastic lids
Single-use condiment pouches
Non-compostable hot-drink ups
Plastic bags and/or plastic film
Plastic condiment containers (*even if they say recyclable, they are not!*)
Aseptic cartons

APPROVED PRODUCTS



COMPOSTABLE
IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
Check locally, as these do not exist in many communities. Not suitable for backyard composting. CERT # SAMPLE



BIODEGRADABLE
PRODUCTS
INSTITUTE

**All compostable products must be *BPI Certified Compostable* or meet *ASTM D6400* Compostability standards. Always look for the above label!
If any products do not have the certification, it is **NOT COMPLIANT**.**



Food Containers such as plates, bowls, trays, & clamshells must be made of paper, bamboo, or other plant material and must be *BPI Certified Compostable* to ensure they break down at our facility. Note that non-compostable versions are often plastic-lined and are **NOT** recyclable or compostable.



Utensils *MUST* be labeled *BPI Certified Compostable* or made from wooden material. Our local recycling and compost facilities cannot accept utensils made from recycled material/content or simply labeled "biodegradable."



Beverage Containers such as aluminum cups and cans are accepted for recycling. *BPI Certified Compostable "plastic" cups* and *BPI Certified Compostable* coffee-style cups are accepted in the compost. Plastic cups are **not** accepted for this event and will be considered noncompliant if used at event.

Approved Suppliers:

These suppliers' compostable items have been approved by our local compost facility. If you would like to purchase items from suppliers not on this list you must contact Walking Mountains Science Center for approval.

Note that some of these companies also sell non-compostable items, so please look for the **BPI certification.*

Biodegradable Products Institute: <https://products.bpiworld.org/?search=&topcategory=12&type=2>

Eco Products: <https://www.ecoproducts.com/>

World Centric: <http://www.worldcentric.org/>

Greenware: <https://www.fabri-kal.com/brands/greenware>

Green Paper Products: <https://greenpaperproducts.com/>

First Choice Wooden Cutlery: <https://www.firstchoiceware.com/>

PURE Compostable Labels: <https://www.purelabels.com/>

If you would like to purchase discounted Eco-Products service ware, please to use the Walking Mountains vendor portal:

https://www.zerowasteevents.com/zero_waste_event.html

Event Code: GoZeroWaste21

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To help strengthen efforts and efficiency please review the following expectations that event staff and Walking Mountains have for vendors, including food & beverage and sponsors.

1. The Walking Mountains Sustainability Zero Waste Team will be onsite to help manage and ensure proper disposal of all waste created during the event. The Zero Waste Team will educate you about proper sorting prior to the start of the event and will be available throughout the event to assist. As a vendor, **it is your responsibility to manage your waste correctly during the event.** For example, break down all cardboard boxes, ensure gloves go in the trash, food scraps are composted, and keep BOH bins away from the public.
2. Vendors shall use the provided back-of-house trash, recycling, and compost bins and keep them out of public reach. If additional bins or bags are needed, please promptly inform the appropriate staff.
3. Share how sustainable you are! Inform guests of your compostable/recyclable products and direct them to the nearest Zero Waste stations for proper disposal.

GIVEAWAYS & COLLATERAL


1. All giveaways must follow the above vendor guidelines.
2. All paper should be recyclable in a standard municipal recycling stream. Many laminated and coated papers are not recyclable, and thus are prohibited. Please print collateral on 100% post-consumer recycled content or FSC-Certified content.
3. Walking Mountains encourages our partners to eliminate waste-creating "giveaways," such as stickers and glow sticks, and to consider experiential activities instead. Also consider offering one bigger prize rather than smaller giveaways.
4. All giveaways should be able to be consumed, reused, recycled, composted, or upcycled.
5. All giveaways should meet the following requirements:
 - a. Giveaways and their packaging will contain recycled materials and be 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable according to these vendor guidelines.
 - b. Giveaways will be ordered in reasonable quantities relative to projected event attendance.
 - c. Giveaways will be designed to allow for future distribution should there be leftovers (e.g. without a specific date or event).
6. Please consider giveaways that are durable and reusable and that do not have wasted parts. Instead of stickers, which have a non-recyclable paper backing, consider:
 - a. Koozies
 - b. Reusable cutlery
 - c. Patches
 - d. Reusable shopping bags

PURCHASING TIPS

- Reduce purchasing and buy in bulk. Not only will it reduce waste, but it will help cut costs and eliminate the need for unnecessary packaging. Ex: use large condiment containers as opposed to individual packets.
- Avoid single use products like straws, stirrers, unnecessary utensils, or other excess disposable items. These items use large amounts of resources to produce and are a major source of contamination and pollution.

- If you go with paper products, purchase UN-COATED paper plates, cups, boats, etc. Chinet is a great brand you can find anywhere. Reminder that all service ware must be BPI Certified Compostable label.

VENDOR COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor utilized approved serviceware throughout the duration of the event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serviceware Product Inventory was completed and returned to Walking Mountains two weeks prior to the first day of the event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor notified Walking Mountains if there were any changes to their approved inventory five business days prior to the event.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendor maintained respectable relationship with Walking Mountains staff.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vendors utilized back-of-house sorting stations and communicated needs and questions to Walking Mountains team.
<p>This checklist is designed to encourage vendor compliance and accountability.</p> <p>If any of the vendor guidelines are are not met, the event organizers will be charged a noncompliance fee. The event organizer may pass that fee onto any vendors that are found in noncomplaine according to this checklist.</p>	

SERVICWARE PRODUCT INVENTORY



Please list **all** serveware you will be distributing, including a description or link for the item and the manufacturer or brand name. The Zero Waste team will follow up and notify you if any products are noncompliant.

Item	Product Manufacturer/Brand	Product Description AND Link
Ex: To-go container	World Centric	20oz fiber box, BPI certified compostable https://store.worldcentric.com/20-oz-fiber-box

Business Name/Event:	Contact Name:
Phone:	Email:
Signature:	Date:

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will comply with the above Vendor Requirements & Guidelines.

Please email this completed form to emilyd@walkingmountains.org and to the event organizer.

Thank you for your help! You play a key role in fostering a culture of environmentalism in our community.