



**WaterFest 2023 is a zero-waste event.**

Through advance planning we can make our annual WaterFest a zero-waste event.

**PLEASE PLAN AHEAD.**

**Guidelines:**

**Reduce:**

- Provide material in bulk containers – which generate less packaging.
- Only bring booth decorations that are reusable for future events.
- Only bring the amount of supplies you'll need for this event.
- Design promotional materials to work at other events too so you won't need to waste the unused ones.

**Paper/cardboard recycling:** Flyers, leaflets, boxboard, cardboard, pop boxes, and paper are all recyclable at WaterFest. All food and beverage containers sold onsite must be recyclable or compostable. Please review these guidelines and provide them to your staff working the event.

**Bottle and can recycling:** Glass bottles, aluminum cans & foil, milk cartons, juice boxes, and plastic bottles and containers with a 1, 2, 5 or 7 on the bottom are recyclable. Other types of plastic (3 or 6) and paper-foil wrappers cannot be recycled.

**All Food and non-recyclable paper composting:**

- **ALL** food including meat and dairy, waxed paper, paper pastry bags, and food contaminated cardboard (such as pizza or pastry boxes), wooden stir sticks, wooden chop sticks, wooden or leather coasters, pencils, wooden rulers, leather key chains, and non-recyclable paper such as paper cups, napkins, etc. are compostable.
- If you plan on handing out any biodegradable plastics (PLA) they must be certified compostable by the Biodegradable Plastics Institute (BPI). Visit [www.bpiworld.org](http://www.bpiworld.org) for more information on BPI and certified compostable products.

DO NOT distribute plastic utensils or items wrapped in or packaged by something other than paper.

**End of Event**

In order to measure how close we get to our zero-waste goal, at the end of the event we will weigh all compost, recycling, and trash. To accomplish this we need all vendors to sort your discards carefully and place them in the appropriate containers (including trash, which should only be non-recyclable plastic). Educator volunteers will be at the zero-waste stations to ensure your discards are correctly sorted.

Thank you for doing your part to make the WaterFest 2023 an inspirational demonstration of Zero Waste!