

WASTE DIVERSION VENDOR GUIDELINES

In order to minimize landfilling, and maximize recycling and food waste diversion at this event, vendors are asked to use only certified compostable or recyclable serving goods. There will be trash sorting stations at this event to make sure your careful purchasing efforts and “green” serving practices will not go to waste. Please follow these guidelines:

- **Certified compostable products carry that label. When ordering compostable products use these sources and purchase only products with the “Certified Compostable” label:
<http://www.worldcentric.org/> <http://www.ecoproductsstore.com/>**
 - **NO items served on disposable plastic or Styrofoam TM. Items closer to the plant the BETTER, such as paper plates and napkins, wooden stirrers or pallet spoons, bamboo sporks, etc.**
 - **Utensils: Wooden or bamboo stirrers, sporks, skewers and other plant based utensils. Compostable utensils made from wheat or potato starch are OK, must be “CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE”**
 - **For serving food: Uncoated paper plates, paper bowls, paper boats, and wax paper wrap are compostable, as are natural wrappings like banana leaves. Thin un-coated paper plates are inexpensive and highly compostable. “Chinet” brand uncoated paper plates are sturdier, and they are made with recycled paper.**
 - **For serving beverages: Uncoated/unlined paper cups, especially made with recycled content, or #7 PLA cups made from corn. These clear cups look like plastic but usually have a green band around them. Look for the “CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE” label, and the #7 PLA resin code.**
- Compostable #7 PLA cups are preferable for serving beer. Can be composted. - Uncoated paper cups are great for cold and/or hot beverages. Can be composted. - Plastic #2 HDPE**

and #5 PP “stadium” cups can be recycled. - Plastic bottles and aluminum cans can always be recycled.

- NO #1 or #6 plastic “SOLO” cups! They are garbage.**
- Conventional plastic utensils are NOT recyclable. They are garbage. • Bring BULK bottles or jars of ketchup, mustard and all other condiments in, not individual packets.**
- No individually wrapped napkins and utensils. Have utensils available in bulk so people only take what they need, or hand a utensil to them with their food.**
- No drink pouches. Bottles and Cans are readily recyclable, and they don’t need straws. Straws are garbage and a big waste. Avoid them, please!**
- Recycling volunteers will offer vendors compost collection buckets to use at their booths.**
- There will be trash stations for the sorting and disposal of: - Recyclables: Aluminum cans, steel food cans, plastic bottles, #2 and #5 cups and tubs, plastic bags from ice and buns, etc, foil pans [must be empty], cartons and other print-related paper - Compostables: Food-related paper, compostable serving ware and ALL food - True Trash: That which cannot be recycled or composted- cigarette butts, diapers, plastic wraps, straws and other plastics, drink pouches, etc.**