Zero Waste Event Purchasing Guidelines:
Everything vendors need to know to comply

By participating in this Zero Waste Event, you agree to purchase and offer customers materials that can be recycled or composted.

Acceptable food containers/trays

**COMPOSTABLE**
- Paper and bagasse plates, bowls, boxes; pizza boxes;
  **NO PRODUCTS WITH A PLASTIC LINING**
- BPI certified compostable (see label, above) trays, bowls, plates, boxes
- Wax-coated paper products and boxes (where the wax comes off with the scratch of a fingernail); clay-lined food trays;
  **NO TRAYS WITH A PLASTIC LINING**

**RECYCLABLE**
- Aluminum foil trays
- Aluminum foil (recyclable when rolled into a ball at least 2” in diameter)

Acceptable drink containers

**COMPOSTABLE**
- BPI certified compostable (see label above) cups, lids and straws; **NO PLASTIC LIDS OR STRAWS**
- Wax paper cups (wax will scrape off with your fingernail);
  **NO PRODUCTS WITH A PLASTIC LINING**

**RECYCLABLE**
- Plastic bottles (larger than 6oz)
- #2 & #5 Plastic Souvenir Cups; **NO OTHER PLASTIC CUPS**
- Aluminum, steel cans
- Milk/juice cartons, including shelf-stable “Tetra Paks”
- Glass bottles and jars

Acceptable utensils, straws, lids, misc.

**COMPOSTABLE**
- BPI certified compostable (see label above) forks, spoons, knives, straws, condiment cups; **NO PLASTIC UTENSILS**
- Wooden chopsticks, stir sticks, toothpicks, skewers
- Paper towels, napkins
- Wax paper, paper condiment cups; **NO PLASTIC LINING**

**RECYCLABLE**
- Paper bags
- Newspaper
Materials that are trash and NOT ACCEPTED at Zero Waste Events:

Food containers

Drink containers

Misc

Please No:
- Plastic-lined paper plates, cups, and bowls
- Plastic-lined "boats" and trays
- Polystyrene foam (aka Styrofoam®) containers of ANY type, despite any labeling that says they may be recyclable
- Plastic-lined paper cups for soft drinks or hot coffee (If they aren’t labeled "compostable" they’re trash!)
- Flimsy, single-use plastic drink cups and lids; Plastic containers or bottles smaller than 4oz.
- Plastic straws, plastic utensils, plastic stir sticks, or plastic skewers
- Foil drink pouches, plastic bags, plastic wrap

Where you can buy recyclable and compostable products:

Tundra Restaurant Supply: [www.etundra.com](http://www.etundra.com) • [Compostable products menu (link)](http://www.etundra.com) • 888-388-6372

Showroom: 3825 Walnut Street Unit E, Boulder, CO 80301 • Open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm MST Monday through Friday

Eco-Products: [www.ecoproducts.com](http://www.ecoproducts.com) • 303.449.1876

McGuckin Hardware: [www.mcguckinhardware.com](http://www.mcguckinhardware.com) • 303-443-1822 • 2525 Arapahoe Ave Unit D1, Boulder • Mon - Fri: 7:30am - 8pm; Sat: 8am - 7pm; Sun: 9am - 6pm

Helpful tips & more resources:
Refer to our accompanying “Is it compostable?” handout for more on how to tell whether the products you are interested in using are compostable.
Visit us online at [www.ecocycle.org/recycle](http://www.ecocycle.org/recycle) for all of our recycling, compost and trash guidelines and more useful information.

Questions or concerns:
Please call Bill Germain, Eco-Cycle’s Zero Waste Event Manager at 303-444-6634 ext. 127 or email [bill@ecocycle.org](mailto:bill@ecocycle.org) to help you distinguish and obtain Zero Waste materials.