



Dear Vendor:

This year, we are participating in the Skagit County Zero-Waste Events program. Public events generate a tremendous amount of waste, much of which can be diverted from landfills through a comprehensive recycling and composting program. As a certified Zero-Waste Event, we will be composting, recycling, and collecting used cooking oil.

A Zero-Waste Event is more than just an event with recycling bins. By participating, our event earns the right to use Skagit County's ZWE certification logo to promote the event as zero-waste and attract greater attendance. We expect to save significantly on our waste disposal costs, as well. Additionally, being a Zero-Waste Event:

- Makes our event more attractive to sponsors and attendees
- Provides a clean, positive environment for attendees
- Supports long-lasting community change toward recycling, composting, and waste reduction

As a vendor at a Zero-Waste Event, you will be required to:

1. *Constrain your use of packaging* and serviceware for the food items you provide consistent with the attached list. Simplifying the waste stream is essential for making recycling and composting easy for event attendees.
2. *Recycle all recyclable materials* that you use in your booth, including packaging and any clean and dry containers.
3. *Compost acceptable compostable materials* that you produce in your booth, including all food waste and uncoated paper packaging and paper towels. We will provide compostable bags, containers, and collection.

If you have any questions regarding accepted or unaccepted items, packaging, or questions about composting, contact Skagit County Recycling Educator Callie Martin at 360-419-7683 or calliem@co.skagit.wa.us or Sustainability Administrator Ryan Walters at 360-419-3444 or ryanw@co.skagit.wa.us.

We are looking forward to a great event this year and reducing our environmental impact. Your participation is key to helping us reaching our waste reduction goals. Thank you!

Vendor Packaging Rules

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How Can You Package Your Food Items?

Allowed

Provide your food products in **compostable** packaging and containers, for example:

- Wax Paper
- Uncoated Paper Plates
- Paper Napkins
- Compostable Forks, Knives, Spoons
- Uncoated Paper Boats
- Uncoated Paper Bowls
- Compostable Portion Cups & Lids
- Paper Bags
- Paper or Compostable Clamshells
- Large Condiment Dispenser

Prohibited

Do **not** use recyclable or non-recyclable materials to package your food products. For example, do not use:

- Styrofoam
- Foil
- Saran Wrap
- Plastic Forks, Knives, Spoons
- Plastic Portion Cups & Lids
- Individual Condiment Packages

You **may** distribute plastic straws, lids, bags, etc.

How Can You Provide Drinks?

Allowed

Provide drinks in **recyclable** containers, for example:

- Plastic bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles
- Juice boxes
- Clear plastic cups (⇒ 1 or ⇒ 2)
- Red plastic cups (⇒ 1 or ⇒ 2)
- Paper coffee cups (e.g. Starbucks cups)
- Paper cartons (e.g. milk cartons)

Prohibited

Do **not** provide drinks in any of these containers:

- Styrofoam cups
- Compostable plastic cups
- Compostable coffee cups

You **may** distribute plastic straws, lids, bags, etc.

Where Can You Purchase Compliant Packaging?

Costco

Paper plates available in all Costco stores; more items available at Costco-Lynnwood Business Center 800-788-9968 (business delivery available)

Restaurant Depot

3670 E Marginal Way South
Seattle, WA 98134
206-381-1555

Eco-Products.com

Cash & Carry

405 Ohio Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
360-676-7360
Limited selection

Major Food Distributors

e.g. Sysco, US Foods, and Food Services of America

Cedar Grove Packaging

www.gogreenscene.com

Questions?

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