

EVERGREEN STATE FAIR
ZERO WASTE PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS

These Requirements Apply to All Commercial Exhibitors and Food Vendors



RECYCLING & FOOD WASTE

Washington State RCW 70.93.093 requires recycling at all large public events and Snohomish County is committed to enhanced waste diversion which includes recycling as well as composting of food waste and organic materials:

RECYCLING – Use the BLUE recycling totes to dispose of recyclables listed below, unless otherwise indicated.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- **CARDBOARD** – Flatten, secure and stack cardboard boxes in designated locations for removal.
- **GREASE & COOKING OILS** – Dispose of in designated ‘used – grease’ containers only – strain out food debris before placing in these containers.
- **GLASS BOTTLES & JARS** – Remove caps and lids. No broken glass (garbage).
- **METAL or ALUMINUM CANS & BOTTLES** – Empty containers before dumping.
- **PLASTIC - BOTTLES, JUGS, TUBS, and CUPS** – All other plastic items are garbage.

NO!

- **ZIP TIES** – Are garbage and should be disposed of in the designated Gray ‘Garbage’ totes.
- **PLASTIC BAGS** – no plastic bags of any kind. Recyclables should not be bagged in plastic either.
- **PLASTIC ITEMS NOT LISTED ABOVE** – Any plastic not specifically listed above should be put in the garbage.
- **STYROFOAM** – All foam packaging and peanuts go in the garbage
- **WIRES, CORDS, or HOSES**

A full list of accepted Recyclable items can be found here:

<http://wmnorthwest.com/snohomishcounty/guidelines/recycling.htm>

FOOD WASTE & ORGANICS – Use the GREEN compost totes to dispose of all food waste

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- **FOOD WASTE** – All pre- and post-consumer food waste or scraps including bones as well as all commercially compostable food service products.
- **FOOD SOILED PAPER** – including pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins, waxed paper, and unlined paper products.
- **WAXED CARDBOARD** – Flatten boxes before putting in totes
- **CLEAN, UNTREATED WOOD** – less than 4 inch diameter, less than 4 feet in length.

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- **DIAPERS or PET WASTE** – Goes in garbage
- **ROCKS, SOIL, OR DIRT**
- **MILK OR OTHER BEVERAGE CARTONS**
- **WOOD >4 INCHES**
- **CLEAN CARDBOARD** – Clean dry cardboard should be recycled.

A full list of accepted Food Waste/Compost items can be found here:

<https://cedar-grove.com/compostable/residentially-accepted-items>



COMPOSTABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE

Food Vendors and Sampling Exhibitors

Vendors are required to use commercially compostable products for ALL food service products. These products include but are not limited to: Plates, bowls, food trays, hot and cold beverage cups and lids, utensils, deli and sandwich wraps, to-go boxes, clamshells and similar containers, condiment cups, straws and drink stirrers. Items marketed as “sustainable”, “renewable”, or “bio-degradable” are NOT the same as “commercially compostable” and will not be accepted! Limited exceptions will be made for reusable souvenir cups. Recyclable drink bottles or cans are acceptable.

INSPECTIONS – Product inspections by the County Office of Sustainability will be conducted prior to Fair opening and sporadically during the Fair.

COMPLIANCE – If a vendor’s product does not meet the established requirements, vendor will be required to remove the product from stand. Continued non-compliance will result in vendor fees for not using compostable food service items. Non-compliance fee will be \$275 per day of non-compliance. Fees are equal to the cost of picking up a compactor for landfill instead of composting. Procedures will consist of:

- a) Vendor will be given notice (warning) that items are not in compliance and advised to replace non-compliant items by the following day.
- b) Inspectors will recheck the following day. If vendor is still not in compliance, they will be assessed a \$275 fee per day until all items are in compliance.
- c) Continued non-compliance may affect future participation.

Food Services of America’s on-site commissary will be available to provide approved products to meet the vendor’s needs. For products not purchased through FSA, verify the item is acceptable by Cedar Grove Composting facility - <http://cedar-grove.com/compostable/accepted-items/>

Unsure where to purchase accepted products?

Accepted food service products are available for pre-order and available for purchase on-site at the Fairgrounds every day of the Evergreen State Fair. The Evergreen State Fair has partnered with Food Services of America (FSA) to secure special pricing for approved compostable food service products. Pre-orders can be placed beforehand and FSA will deliver directly to your Fair site. Accepted items are also available for purchase on-site at the Fairgrounds every day of the Evergreen State Fair as FSA will be stationed on-site near the Food Midway.

- New customers will need to contact Ted Stiers with FSA by July 31 for pre-orders
- FSA will take back any unbroken cases of purchased items at list price

Placing orders for compostable products

To place orders with FSA, contact Ted Stiers at (425) 326-7988 or ted_stiers@fsafood.com. You can also call the FSA order line at (425) 249-4944.

Questions?

Contact Kevin Ruuhela, the Snohomish County Energy & Resource Conservation Specialist, with any questions on complying with this Compostable Food Service Policy - kevin.ruuhela@snoco.org or (425) 388-3117.