

Recycling On the Go: Food Vendors



St. Louis Earth Day's Recycling On the Go is the region's first large-scale event recycling program. Our goal is to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills by recycling and composting a portion of the waste an event generates.



This event has made a commitment to reducing waste through recycling. We appreciate your cooperation in achieving the highest rate of diversion of materials from the landfill as possible by following these guidelines.

BEFORE THE EVENT: How to prepare

- **Purchase RECYCLABLE containers.** (Choose #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, #5 PP)
- **AVOID #6 polystyrene (PS) plastic containers and all Foam products.**¹
- Advertise how you are helping the event's eco-friendly effort! Post a sign at your booth.

WHAT TO BUY: Food Service Product Guide

For beverages, request #1 or #2 plastic. Avoid Styrofoam & #6 plastic cups and paper cups. Paper mills are not able to recycle paper cups; they are trash.

Plastic Beverage Cups: When determining whether or not a cup is recyclable, look on the bottom for one of these symbols (right), which indicates the type of plastic. Avoid #6 plastic. #7 PLA is compostable but not recyclable.



For forks/knives/spoons, avoid the extra waste if possible and serve finger food, or buy compostable versions. The vast majority of plastic utensils are not recyclable and impossible to recover in a recycling facility (too small).

For serving food, avoid plastic plates and foam clamshells (both are #6 plastic). Paper boat trays are a better option.



AT THE EVENT: How to do your part.

Recycle	Landfill
Plastics #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, #5 PP (beverage cups & containers)	Plastic Bags and film wrap # 6 Plastic (Solo colored cups, utensils, plates) Styrofoam (foam hot/cold cups)
Tin, Aluminum cans & clean foil	Dirty aluminum foil & pans, plastic wrap
Glass bottles	Paper Cups
Cardboard	Disposable gloves (latex, food service, etc.)
Paper (clean, not waxy/plastic-lined, no paper cups)	Plastic Straws, utensils, coffee stirrers, skewers Napkins, paper towels (compost if available)
Keep all caps & lids on containers	Paper composites (foam/paper/foil/plastic)

¹ These materials are very harmful to humans, animals and the environment.

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Collapse and stack **cardboard** behind your booth for our staff and volunteers to pick up. Please separate the plastic from the cardboard.



RECYCLE the items listed above in blue bins like this.

Clean plastic bags may be collected if bagged separately and not placed in recycling containers. They can be taken to a grocery store recycling drop-off.

THROW AWAY all items that cannot be recycled (see chart above) – this includes food service plastic gloves, cigarettes, diapers, gum, candy/snack wrappers, food (try composting as a next step in recycling with ROG).



Every black bag is assumed to be trash and will not be recycled.



WHERE TO BUY LOCALLY

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