

Summit County Special Event Vendor GREEN EVENT GUIDELINES

Summit County is striving to make its special events as green as possible, and we need your help as a vendor to help us make that happen.

Events produce a lot of excess waste – half of which is from food packaging! Fortunately, Summit County has an extensive recycling program. At most events, we have Zero Waste Tents for both **RECYCLABLES** and **COMPOSTABLES**. By carefully selecting your materials, you can help us reach for zero waste at our events!

Help **REDUCE** waste before it starts:

- Avoid single serving condiments (mustard, ketchup, mayo, sugar etc) – instead opt for bulk containers.
- Please, no Styrofoam plates, cups, or containers. Styrofoam (#6) is not recyclable in Summit County. There are many alternatives to Styrofoam for both hot and cold applications which are cost competitive with non-recyclable Styrofoam.
- Consider finger foods that don't require utensils.

Choose products packaged in **RECYCLABLE** materials, such as:

- Aluminum Cans
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Bottles
- Glass

Try **COMPOSTABLE** products:

- All paper plates and napkins
- Wax-lined paper products, including boats, plates, and cups
- Corn-based plastic cups
- Potato or corn-based plastic cutlery

Use **ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY** products, like:

- Recycled-content paper products (napkins, paper towels, plates, etc).
- Try “Tree-Free” materials, like plates and bowls made from sugar cane

At the **EVENT**, please help us to recycle:

- Break down and flatten cardboard boxes and use designated recycling bins/locations.
- If you generate a large quantity of recyclables in food or beverage preparation at your booth, please ask an event coordinator if you can have a recycling bin to place behind your booth.
- Please, please do not throw trash in our designated recycling bins! All trash and recycling bins are clearly marked as such.

For more information on our efforts or for assistance in finding products or “greening” your booth, please contact our partner in this effort, the High Country Conservation Center, at (970) 668-5703 or info@highcountryconservation.org.

**What's Recyclable and What's Not?
QUICK REFERENCE**

	YES – It's Recyclable or Compostable	NO – It's Garbage!
CUPS	Wax-coated (hot or cold) paper cups; corn-based biodegradable plastic cups	Plastic cups (even #1 or #2); Styrofoam cups; straws; all lids
PLATES/BOWLS	Paper plates; Wax-coated paper products including boats; “tree free” alternatives like sugar cane plates and bowls	Styrofoam; plastic plates or bowls
UTENSILS	Biodegradable corn or potato based plastic utensils	Plastic cutlery
WRAPS	Aluminum foil; Wax paper	Aluminum and paper hybrid papers
NAPKINS	ALL napkins and paper towels are biodegradable (compostable!)	
OTHER MATERIALS	Aluminum trays; Paper trays	

Where do I find these products?

Most products can be found at “regular” stores (like Costco, Sam’s Club, Walmart, grocery stores, etc.) and are available through food service distributors like Sysco. The trick is to shop for recyclability, specify what you want, and avoid non-recyclable products, like Styrofoam.

Remember – if it doesn't say it's made from recycled paper, it's not!

For specialty items (like tree-free papers and biodegradable plastic products), there are a few sources:

- Locally, Sanitary Supply in Silverthorne carries these products (877-504-1383 or contact Dan Driver at cell # 970-401-1517)

On the web, some sources are:

www.ecoproducts.com

www.biosmartpackaging.com

www.biodegradablestore.com