Setting Up to Reduce Waste

It's the Law - Recycling & Composting

FACILITIES RECYCLING GUIDE

Recycling & Composting are Mandatory at Public Facilities!

City of Oakland provides three types of recycling bins at public facilities. The bins are conveniently placed and labeled for Recycling, Compost and Trash. It is important to place your recyclables, compost and trash in the appropriate receptacle.

Contact your rental facility to request additional bins for large parties.

Recycle:

Recycle empty glass, aluminum, metal, plastic and beverage containers, and clean paper (unsoiled paper) and cardboard. **No food residue or liquids - all containers must be empty, clean & dry**

Compost:

Food scraps: Left-over food, fruits, vegetables, peelings, bread, cereal, coffee grounds, tea leaves and tea bags

Paper: Food-soiled paper, napkins and paper plates

Plant debris: Plant centerpieces, flowers

Others: Pizza boxes, wooden chop sticks

Before the Event:

- Plan and organize your event with Zero Waste in mind!
- Choose reusable flatware, cups, plates and table coverings
- Contact local food banks to donate left-over/excess food (see back for Food Donation information)

At the Event:

 Make an announcement to your guests to recycle and compost in the appropriate bins

After the Event

- Ensure all recyclables and compostable items are placed in their proper bins. Please do not overfill bins
- Donate Food



Recycling and Composting are mandated by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority Ordinance 2012-01. State laws (AB) 341 and (AB) 1826 require recycling and composting at all Oakland City events.

Oaklanders, we've made significant strides towards our Zero Waste goal, and need to continue increasing our efforts to minimize the amount of waste we send to landfills.

Reduce:

The most effective way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place!

- · Avoid excessive packaging that can't be recycled
- Use hydration stations or pitchers of water instead of singleuse bottled water and drinks
- Plan your event in advance of the big day. Review the number of confirmed attendees to help determine the quantities of food and beverage to purchase and reduce wasted food

Donate Food

Help reduce waste from landfills by donating left-over, never served, prepared food to your neighbors in need. It's a good idea to establish your relationships with existing food banks and kitchen pantries prior to your event.

Call a food pantry for hours of operations and details on accepted food:

| West Oakland food Pantry, Prescott Joseph | (510) 208-5651 |
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| New Beginning International Ministry, Inc | (510) 985-0541 |
| Alameda County Food Bank | (510) 635-3663 x605 |

Reuse:

Using things again prevents waste and cuts down on the amount of materials we send to landfills. It lowers the need to use energy and natural resources to make new products, and saves you money too!

- Bring a marker to write names on cups, 1 per person!
- Take your decorations home for the next event

For more information, go to www.oaklandca.gov/parks

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