

Hello Lafayette Peach Festival Vendors,

Thank you for choosing to enrich our community and help our environment through your commitment to Zero Waste. As many of you know, the Lafayette Peach Festival has a long history of being a model Zero Waste Event, which is a fact that we all can take pride in. The goal of a Zero Waste Event is to minimize the overall waste that we produce, and in doing so, send Zero Waste to the landfill. We accomplish this goal by making sure that we recover as much recyclable and compostable material as we possibly can.

As vendors at the Lafayette Peach Festival, you are the most important piece to this puzzle because the products that you distribute are the resources that we are recovering. Essentially, we can break down our resource recovery process into two parts: compost, things that turn into soil; and recyclables, things that can be recycled into new products.

When purchasing products for food distribution I would like you to ask yourself these questions: Is this product Certified Compostable? Or, can this product be recycled in Boulder County? If the answer to either of those questions is no, then you should not distribute food in that product.

The marketplace for compostable products is difficult to navigate, and between new products and new regulations, it is also ever changing. To ensure your Peach Festival event supplies are truly compostable, look for the “Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) Certification” right on the box:



For 2018, we’re making the process even easier. Eco-Cycle has teamed up with EcoProducts to create a Zero Waste Event portal where you can order compostable supplies at a discount:

- <https://www.zerowasteevents.com/eco-cycle.html>
- 20% discount code: ecocycle-2018!!

The code should be entered into the field at the left side of the screen to view a Zero Waste supplies purchasing menu. Please contact bill@ecocycle.org for additional resources to purchase Zero Waste compliant supplies at the most competitive prices.

Recyclable items are a bit easier to recognize, and you can find a full recycling guideline on our website at www.ecocycle.org. The most important thing to remember when choosing a recyclable item is that the triangle symbol on the bottom tells you what **type** of material this product is made from, but it has nothing to do with whether or not that item can be recycled in Boulder County.

Please take a look at the Zero Waste Vendor Agreement and purchasing guide on the next pages for additional guidance. Please contact me directly at (303)444-6634 x127 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping make the Lafayette Peach Festival Zero Waste!

Sincerely,

Bill Germain

Eco-Cycle 100% Zero Waste Event Participation Agreement

Page two of this agreement **must** be filled out and returned to [LAFAYETTE CHAMBER] **no later** than [00/00/00].

Dear Vendor:

Thank you for your interest in participating at the [LAFAYETTE PEACH FESTIVAL]! We are proud to partner with Eco-Cycle to make this a **Zero Waste Event**. The goal of a Zero Waste event is to eliminate waste by **reducing packaging, reusing, recycling, and composting as much as possible**. We accomplish this by coordinating with all event vendors to ensure that all distributed materials and products are locally recyclable, compostable, or reusable!

As a vendor, **you are the key** to the success of our Zero Waste event. The following guidelines explain how each participating vendor can support the goals of Zero Waste at [LAFAYETTE PEACH FESTIVAL]. Although the requirements for compostable and recyclable materials generally apply only to food and beverage vendors, all vendors should read and understand the guidelines, and comply with the rules that pertain to vendor waste.

To participate in [LAFAYETTE PEACH FESTIVAL], every vendor is required to:

- **Purchase BPI Certified Compostable** or reusable materials for food and other distribution needs at this event.
- **Purchase LOCALLY recyclable** or reusable materials for food and other distribution needs at this event.
- **Take ALL back-of-house discards (vendor materials and waste not distributed to event visitors)** with you after the event. NO DISCARDS are to be left at the event site unsorted.
- Eco-Cycle is responsible for discarded recyclable, compostable, and landfill materials produced by event *guests* only. **Eco-Cycle will not take vendor waste.**

Zero Waste Purchasing Tip: The following are some of the most common materials **NOT ACCEPTED** at Zero Waste Events. See guidelines and purchasing information for acceptable materials here.

MOST COMMON ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:



PLEASE NO:

- Plastic coated hot cups, plastic coated plates, trays, and boats
- Single-use plastic cups that are not #2 or #5 souvenir cups
- Plastic utensils, plastic lids, plastic stir sticks, plastic straws

Questions? Please call Bill Germain, Eco-Cycle's Zero Waste Event Manager at 303-444-6634 ext. 127 or email bill@ecocycle.org to help you identify and obtain Zero Waste materials.

AGREEMENT: All Peach Vendors must sign

As a vendor participating in the **[LAFAYETTE PEACH FESTIVAL]**, I agree to distribute my product(s) in locally recyclable, compostable, or reusable service ware, per Eco-Cycle's guidelines. If applicable, I will purchase appropriate service ware in accordance with the guidelines accompanying this document. I also agree to pack out **everything** that I bring but do not distribute to event visitors.

Please clearly list all items you will be distributing and the materials associated with those items. Please include Manufacturer and Product name.

This applies to ALL vendors and tents, whether you will be serving food or not.

Item	Product Manufacture	Product Name
<i>ex: Sandwich</i>	<i>Eco-Products</i>	<i>8 inch Square Sugarcane Plate, certified compostable</i>
<i>ex: Pamphlet</i>	<i>No additional materials</i>	<i>Educational material handed out without excess packaging</i>

Please fill out the following information:

Business Name:	Contact Name:
Phone:	Email:
Signature:	Date:

Please email or mail your signed agreement to:

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Lafayette, CO 80026
events@lafayettecolorado.com