

Planning for waste prevention and recycling at community events

Events can generate a considerable amount of waste, but much of this material can be prevented, recycled, and composted through thoughtful event planning. California State Laws AB 2176 and SB 1383 also require large events and venues to plan for convenient recycling and organics collection, and may require post-event food donation.



RecycleSmart provides FREE event Clear Stream recycling, organics, and landfill pop-up containers with bags.

Consider the following guidelines to promote waste prevention at your event, and add language to your vendor contracts to encourage or require best practices.



Always provide three stream waste stations including, recycling, organics and landfill, grouped together with proper signage.



Ban the use of expanded polystyrene (*aka Styrofoam*) and single-use plastic bags



Require food vendors to use reusable or compostable-fiber foodware (ex. *uncoated paper, wood or bamboo utensils*) and provide to customers only upon request.



Encourage attendees to bring their reusable water bottle, straws, and utensils, and require vendors to use reusable.



Farmers Markets and venues that generate a significant amount of food should donate food after the event. Use the QR code to find local food recovery organizations.



Require food vendors to use self-serve bulk condiments instead of single-use packets.



For more information use the QR code to visit:
RecycleSmart.org/event-recycling



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Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority

Republic Services can provide carts and dumpsters for a fee. For event waste planning assistance and pricing, please email RecycleCoordinators@RepublicServices.com or call (925) 671-5860.

Reusable is Best!



Least Desirable!

Black Landfill Cart



Recyclable is Great!

*Blue Recycling Cart **



Compostable is Great!

*Green Organics Cart ***



* Empty, clean and dry recyclables only.

** Only uncoated fiber/paper materials are accepted for compost—bioplastics and plant plastics go in Landfill.