



## Dear Zero Waste Food Vendors,

Welcome to the **Boulder County Fair 2019!** The Fair is a proud **Zero Waste event**, which means all food serviceware ( plates, cups, utensils, containers, etc.) provided to your customers **must be either certified compostable or recyclable**. Please read carefully through this guide to ensure you're ordering approved items. Any food service ware at the Fair deemed unacceptable must be promptly replaced with approved products, so purchasing the correct products up front will save you hassle and expense later.

### **Compostable Service Ware**

*These items are made from organic (plant-based) materials, and will break down into soil at an industrial composting facility after being properly disposed of in a compost bin.*

Tips to ensure you're buying compostable:

- Before you buy, **make sure the product is certified compostable in an industrial facility** to ASTM standards. Look for "BPI® Certified" or the BPI® Certification Logo, shown below.



- You may see packaging with the words, "biodegradable" or "made from plants". These **do not** necessarily mean a product is compostable; please be sure to look for the word, "compostable" as well as the BPI Certification Logo.
- Regular paper cups, plates, and bowls often feature a very thin plastic lining (giving them a slightly shiny finish), and these are **NOT** compostable or recyclable. Be extra vigilant in ensuring any paper plates and bowls are certified compostable. Chinet®'s Classic White paper products are a sturdy, compostable option.
- Paper napkins and paper towels **are** compostable, even though they may not be labeled as such.

**Tundra Restaurant Supply** is one local distributor that carries compostable food service ware:

3825 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO

Phone: 1-888-388-6372

[www.etundra.com](http://www.etundra.com)

*Tundra is closed evenings and weekends.*

This is just one local option for compostable products; compostables are available elsewhere as well.



*Waste stations are situated throughout the fairgrounds to make recycling and composting convenient.*

## Recyclable Service Ware

*These items will be sorted, sold, and remanufactured into new products.*

You may have seen a symbol like this on plastic products  Please be aware: The presence of this symbol **does not** automatically mean the product is recyclable in Boulder County.



Recyclable items:

- Plastic soda bottles and aluminum soda cans are recyclable.
- Sturdy #2 and #5 souvenir cups are reusable and recyclable.
- Plain aluminum foil (not paper-lined) is recyclable.

Items that are **not** recyclable:

- NO Styrofoam<sup>®</sup>.
- NO plastic utensils. Please purchase compostable utensils.
- NO plastic Solo<sup>®</sup> or Solo<sup>®</sup>-style cups. Please purchase compostable cups, OR sturdy #2 and #5 souvenir cups.
- NO 1- or 2-ounce plastic condiment cups. Please purchase compostable condiment cups.



## Quick Guide to Buying Zero Waste

Below is a list of items that are not zero waste products and the suggested eco-friendly replacements.

Foodservice Item	NOT Acceptable	Acceptable Replacements
<b>Cups</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Styrofoam<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• No Plastic Solo<sup>®</sup> cups or equivalent</li> <li>• No Paper to-go cups (plastic lining)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compostable plastic cups</li> <li>• Compostable paper cups</li> <li>• #2 &amp; #5 sturdy souvenir cups (not compostable, but reusable &amp; recyclable)</li> </ul>
<b>Plates and bowls</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Styrofoam<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• No Plastic</li> <li>• No Plastic-coated paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compostable plastic plates &amp; bowls</li> <li>• Chinet<sup>®</sup>/plain paper plates &amp; bowls</li> </ul>
<b>To-go containers</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Styrofoam<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• No Plastic</li> <li>• No Plastic-coated paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compostable plastic to-go containers</li> <li>• Bagasse to-go containers</li> <li>• Aluminum foil</li> </ul>
<b>Utensils</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Plastic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compostable utensils</li> </ul>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Clear plastic bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear compostable bags</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Condiment packets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compostable condiment cups with bulk condiment dispensers</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Foil packages</li> <li>• No Potato chip bags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase large bags and serve in portions on compostable serviceware</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Plastic wrap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wax paper (compostable)</li> </ul>
<b>Lids and Straws</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Plastic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compostable lids and straws</li> </ul>

## **More Earth-friendly Tips**

- Used cooking oil can be deposited in the barrels near Midway. Please recycle this valuable liquid; it will be made into biofuel.
- All food waste is compostable. This includes all fruits and vegetables, grains, meat, dairy products, and cooked/prepared food.
- Please compost all pre-consumer food waste, paper towels, napkins, etc.

## **About Zero Waste**

Zero Waste is a waste management strategy modeled on the waste-free and self-sustaining systems seen in nature. It advocates eliminating waste as much as possible and viewing the remaining discards as important resources to be returned to the marketplace through recycling, or to nature through composting. This strategy is one of the easiest ways we can save energy, conserve resources, preserve habitat and landscapes, create jobs, and even help slow climate change! Reducing, reusing, recycling and composting are the name of the zero waste game.

In 2005, the Boulder County Commissioners passed a resolution setting a countywide goal of "Zero Waste or darn near" by the year 2025. As part of this measure, all events on county property are required to adhere to zero waste guidelines.

Thank you for your participation in this great Zero Waste event, and for your efforts to preserve our environment for generations of fairgoers to come. **If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.**

Sincerely,

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