

Zero Waste Event Guidelines for Stall holders and vendors

The event you are trading at is Zero Waste. A Zero Waste Event is one that generates less waste, and/or the right kind of waste for reuse. This means your food and beverage must be supplied in compostable packaging.

This guide outlines information about compostable packaging and lists Auckland suppliers.

PRODUCT TYPES:

Ensure use of the right products types. Here are some simple rules;

- Items made from natural materials such as wood and unbleached paper will compost.
- If items are made from plastic, such as cutlery, or have a plastic lining, such as coffee cups, ensure you use compostable products certified to a European Union or Australian standard.
- DO NOT USE uncertified products.

IMPORTANT:

Sending incorrect products to the composting facility will contaminate their end product. If a truckload has too much non-compostable material it could result in;

- The truckload being directed to landfill
- The event receiving a fine from the service provider
- A load to landfill fee.

The list below provides examples of compostable products. Such products do not always cost more. You can also save money by using less or simpler packaging such as paper napkins, or bags instead of boxes.

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Compostable packaging

When using compostable food and beverage packaging, ensure all material goes through the appropriate composting process. If it doesn't, it will be sent to landfill. Compostable material in landfills is particularly bad for the environment.

Next, ensure you are using the right types of products. Here are some simple rules;

- Items made from natural materials such as wood and unbleached paper are okay to compost
- If items are made from plastic, such as cutlery, or have a plastic lining, such as coffee cups, ensure you use 'compostable' products certified to a European Union or Australian standard.
- Steer clear of any products not certified to these standards.

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WOODEN CUTLERY

Wooden or bamboo knives, forks, spoons, and chopsticks.

Pine cutlery is the easiest cutlery product to break down at a very competitive price. These products can be disposed of in any composting environment, including home composting.

COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC CUTLERY

Compostable knives, forks, and spoons.

Made from plant based polylactic acid (PLA). Usable for hot and cold foods. Designed to break down in commercial composting processes.

Compostable cups – single or double wall. Ranges from 4oz (perfect for tastings) to 20oz/600ml (replacing milkshake cups).

These cups have a similar look and performance to regular paper cups but are equipped with thin plant based plastic (PLA) lining instead of regular plastic lining. They break down readily in all commercial composting environments but are not designed for home composting or worm farms.

CLEAR PLASTIC CUPS

Clear plastic cups and lids for cold drinks. Available in a range of sizes.

Made from PLA bio plastic, they look and perform similarly to PET (number 1) plastic. They are compostable in commercial composting processes.

MOULDED PAPER CUPS

Pulp based hot or cold cups available in a range of sizes.

Ideally made from recycled paper and non-bleached or dyed. Fully compostable in any environment including home composting and worm farms. Widely available from most packaging suppliers.

CUP HOLDERS

Made from a recycled pulp.

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DRINKING STRAWS

Paper drinking straws.

Paper straws are made from food grade recycled paper and can be found at most packaging retailers. They are suitable for processing through all composting environments such as home composting and worm farming as they use soy based inks and are 100% recycled paper. They are suitable as a straw for a thin drink (not smoothie/thickshake), holding their shape well. They ranged in a variety of colours and designs.

NAPKINS

Recycled paper napkins, natural coloured.

These kraft coloured paper napkins are made from recycled paper. Food grade and free of toxic dyes, they are preferred for composting over coloured napkins. Natural/kraft coloured napkins are widely available at packaging retailers and wholesalers. They are extremely cost effective.

CLAMSHELLS

Range of compostable pressed fibre clamshells are available.

Made from sugarcane, wheat straw or paper pulp. Unlined and compostable in commercial processes.

SHALLOWBOXES

Noodle or salad shallow box with waterbased lining. Hot or cold. Comes in range of sizes.

This shallow cardboard box has a compostable water based lining. Produced by "Friendlypak", it differs to other similar products on the market, which have unrecyclable/uncompostable plastic linings.

BOWLS

Single wall PLA hot or cold bowls for deli goods/ icecream etc. (preferred without lids).

Similar to the Hot/cold cups above with a PLA lining. This can readily break down in commercial composting facilities but is not suitable for a home composting unit or worm farm.

POTATOPAK

Range of plates, bowls, and trays.

Potatopak products are made of waste starch from the french-fry manufacturing industry, and are 100% biodegradable. Potatopak products are suitable for all fast-food applications (with the exception of boiling water and bloodmeat products). They break down quickly and are edible.

WRAPS/POUCHES

Sandwich wrap with vegetable wax coated paper. Hot & Crispy pouch. Specially designed compostable pouches to keep burgers/sandwiches hot.

The hot and crispy pouch replaces the usually non-recyclable tin foil used in food servery. This paper based product can be processed through any composting environment including home compost and wormfarms. Sandwich wrap contains a vegetable wax lining and is the only compostable greaseproof paper.

PINE BOATS

Pine servery comes in a range of shapes and sizes such as cones, boats, trays and platters.

Pine servery is a great way of presenting tapas style or finger food. It also comes in a flat tray. fibres are easy to break down in all commercial composting facilities, home composting and worm farming.

BIN LINERS

Compostable bin liners in a range of sizes from 1 litre to 240 litres.

Made from cornstarch and can be processed in all commercial composting facilities. Useful for lining bins that take compostable packaging and food waste. They keep bins clean while making emptying easier.

PAPER BAGS

Kraft paper bags. Flat (e.g for jerky or similar) or with handle

Bags are ideally made from recycled paper and non-bleached or dyed. They are a cost effective alternative to carry-bags, which are fully compostable in any environment, including home composting and worm farms. Widely available from most packaging suppliers in the flat version and the carry bag version. Vendors can use water based ink stamps to brand bags.

Compostable packaging suppliers

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[Attwoods](#)

FREE PHONE: 0800 PACK IT (0800 722 548)

FREE FAX: 0800 377 758

www.attwoods.co.nz

paper bags

[Ayrpak](#)

Freephone:0800 465 666

Email: info@ayrpak.co.nz

www.ayrpak.co.nz/

Biodegradable bags, cups, clamshells, recycled cardboard shelving

[BCS Foodpak Ltd](#)

Showroom: Unit C, 57

McLaughlins Road,

Manukau,

Tel: 09 277 0104

Fax: 03 277 0115

email: info@bcsfoodpak.co.nz

website: www.bcsfoodpak.co.nz

Biodegradable cups

Ecoware

Tel: 0800 GO 4 ECO

email: hello@ecoware.co.nz

web: <http://www.ecoware.co.nz/>

Compostable cups, cutlery, clamshells, plates, bowls, napkins, lids, food boxes

Eden Enterprises

116 Cook Street

New Plymouth 4310

Tel (06) 751 3229

www.edengreennz.com

100% Biodegradable corn starch products, plates, cups, bowls, straws, bags, etc. Products range & prices available online

Elldex Packaging Ltd

Philippa Wang (Auckland)

Tel 09 415 6747

Fax 09 415 6727

sales@elldex.com

www.elldex.com

Range of biodegradable packaging including bags, cups etc

Friendlypak

Box 83 132, Edmonton, Auckland

Tel 09 834 5340

Fax 09 834 5341

Mob: 027 410 4344

Kevin@friendlypak.co.nz

www.friendlypak.co.nz

Biodegradable cornstarch bags, potatopak plates, bowls etc, PLA lined paper cups

Innocent Packaging

Tel 09 523 3870

info@innocentpackaging.co.nz

www.innocentpackaging.co.nz/

Compostable cups, cutlery, clamshells, plates, soup bowls, noodle boxes, napkins, lids, straws

Kiwi Greenpak Ltd

www.kiwigreenpak.co.nz

Biodegradable cups, plates, bowls, clamshells etc

Potatopak NZ Ltd

P O Box 746

Blenheim 7240

Tel (03) 572 8977

www.potatopak.com

100% Compostable potato starch products, plates, bowls, punnets, trays, cutlery etc. Products range & prices available online

Packaging House

91 Kerrs Road

Wiri, Auckland

Tel 263 1150

Fax 263 1151

<mailto:online@packaginghouse.co.nz>

Range of biodegradable products including clamshells, cups and bags