

Zero Waste Events

Auckland Council has an aspirational goal of zero waste to landfill by 2040. We aim to get there by supporting residents and organisations to avoid waste, reuse materials where possible and treat waste as a resource e.g. recycling if appropriate and composting organic waste.

All Auckland Council events are now focused on zero waste and we're here to support other event organisers to do the same. A zero waste event is where careful consideration is given to the products used on-site and where these end up after the event. It also involves educating patrons and raising environmental awareness about waste production and disposal.

With some forward planning, you can play a part in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill. Here are some things to consider when you are trading at a zero waste event:

- Avoid giveaways that will be thrown out after one use e.g. thundersticks, balloons and glowsticks
- Avoid excess packaging or packaging that cannot be recycled or composted e.g. chip packets, chocolate bars
- Choose aluminium cans for drinks - these are easily recycled
- Serve food and drinks in certified commercially compostable packaging. Certified products are guaranteed to break down into organic matter within a certain timeframe at the composting facility
- Be aware that cardboard and paper that is lined with plastic, such as coffee cups and some hot food bowls, cannot be recycled - look for compostable alternatives
- If your event is using reusable plates, bowls and cups, consider how you might serve food and drinks in a standard size - do you need a special serving spoon?

Our team of advisors are available for free advice on how to reduce your waste.

Contact us at wastewise@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Compostable Packaging Suppliers

The following suppliers specialise in commercially compostable packaging. By providing this list, Auckland Council does not endorse or guarantee the suppliers named.

BioPak
0800 246 725
info@biopak.co.nz
www.biopak.com/nz

Ecoware
0800 464 326
hello@ecoware.co.nz
www.ecoware.co.nz

Friendlypak
sales@friendlypak.co.nz
www.friendlypak.co.nz

Deccent Packaging
09 523 3870
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Zero Waste Event Guidelines for Stallholders and Vendors



Find out more:
zerowasteevents.org.nz

Guidelines for stallholders 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 compostable packaging 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.

Note: The products shown here are for information purposes only, and no endorsement of any of the products or suppliers by Auckland Council is implied or expressed.

<p>Paper bags</p> 	<p>Kraft paper bags, flat or with handle</p>	<p>Ideally made from recycled paper and are unbleached Fully compostable. Water based ink stamp to brand bags if necessary.</p>
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<p>Wrap/Pouches</p> 	<p>Sandwich wrap with vegetable wax coated paper, or hot & crispy pouch special designed composted pouches to keep food hot</p>	<p>Replaces non-recyclable tin foil used in food servers, Paper based product can be processed through any composting environments.</p>
<p>Napkins</p> 	<p>Recycled paper napkins, natural coloured</p>	<p>Preferred for composting over coloured napkins. Extremely cost effective.</p>
<p>Wooden Cutlery</p> 	<p>Wooden or bamboo knives, forks, spoons and chopsticks</p>	<p>Pine cutlery is the easiest of the cutlery products to break down in composting and at a very competitive price.</p>
<p>Sugarcane Cutlery</p> 	<p>Compostable knives, forks, and spoons</p>	<p>Made from sugarcane they can be used in hot and cold foods and are designed to break down in commercial composting processes.</p>
<p>Lined paper cups and moulded paper cups</p> 	<p>Compostable cups</p>	<p>Looks and perform like regular paper cups that have a thin plant based plastic PLA lining or made from recycled paper and are non-bleached or dyed.</p>

<p>Drinking Straws</p> 	<p>Paper drinking straws</p>	<p>Paper straws are made from food grade recycled paper with soy-based inks that could be composted.</p>
<p>Cup holder</p> 	<p>Made from recycled pulp</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Clamshells</p> 	<p>Range of compostable pressed fibre clamshells</p>	<p>Made from sugarcane. Wheat straws or paper pulps that are unlined and are compostable in commercial processes.</p>
<p>Bowls</p> 	<p>Single wall PLA hot or cold bowls (preferred without lids)</p>	<p>Inside lined with PLA can readily break down in commercial composting facilities.</p>
<p>Shallow boxes</p> 	<p>Noodles or salad shallow box with water-based lining.</p>	<p>Water based lining that could be composted.</p>