

Zero Waste Coliseum Vendor Guidelines

EXPECTATIONS:

- Vendors will be required to use:
 - For beverages:
 - Recyclable bottles or cans
 - Compostable cups, straws, and lids only
 - **RECYCLABLE CUPS ARE NOT COMPOSTABLE AND ARE NON-COMPLIANT – PLEASE USE CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE CUPS**
 - For food:
 - Paper fiber or certified compostable products
 - Certified compostable cutlery
- No individual condiment packets are allowed – please use bulk condiments.
- Vendors will also be expected to break down any excess cardboard they have and bring it to the designated waste compound at Gate 16
- Any food waste (including waste generated during food preparation) must go into the compost bags, which will be provided. These bags will be picked up by custodial intermittently throughout the game.
 - PLEASE DO NOT OVERFILL THESE BAGS – IT CAUSES BOTH TYPES OF BAGS TO BREAK (POLY OR COMPOSTABLE)
 - PLEASE KEEP RECYCLABLES SEPARATE FROM FOOD WASTE AND COMPOST ITEMS

Is it Compostable?

- Uncoated papers (cellulose fibers such as trees, bagasse, potato, banana leaf)
- Certified Compostable plastics (PLA - #7, see below)

For a plastic item to be considered compostable, it must meet one of several certifications, all of which determine that a product can be fully composted in a commercial facility over the course of 6-9 months. This typically means the item is plant- or cellulose-based, as opposed to petroleum-based (like a typical plastic cup).

Compost Certifications:

- ASTM D-6400
- Cedar Grove
- BPI (Biodegradable Plastics Institute)

RESOURCES

BIODEGRADABLE VS. COMPOSTABLE, AND REMINDERS/TIPS

Note: Do not be fooled by the term 'Biodegradable.' The terms Biodegradable and Compostable are not interchangeable. Biodegradable products disintegrate back into nature while compostable items provide valuable nutrients as they breakdown.

