



Dear Vendor:

This event will be participating in the Skagit County Zero-Waste Events program. Public events generate a tremendous amount of waste, much of which can be diverted from landfills through a comprehensive recycling and composting program. As a certified Zero-Waste Event, we will be composting, and recycling. We ask that all vendors help by paying special attention to these suggested guidelines.

A Zero-Waste Event is more than just an event with recycling bins. By participating, our event earns the right to use Skagit County's ZWE certification logo to promote the event as zero-waste and attract greater attendance. We expect to save significantly on our waste disposal costs, as well. Additionally, being a Zero-Waste Event:

- Makes our event more attractive to sponsors and attendees
- Provides a clean, positive environment for attendees
- Supports long-lasting community change toward recycling, composting, and waste reduction

As a vendor at a Zero-Waste Event, we suggest and hope that you follow these guidelines:

1. *Constrain your use of packaging* and service ware for the food items you provide consistent with the attached list. Simplifying the waste stream is essential for making recycling and composting easy for event attendees.
2. *Recycle all recyclable materials* that you use in your booth, including packaging.
3. *Compost materials* that you produce in your booth, including all food waste and uncoated paper packaging and paper towels. We will provide bags for compostable materials, recycle containers, and collection.

If you have any questions regarding suggested items or packaging, or questions about recycling or composting, contact:

- Skagit County Zero-Waste Events Coordinator Megan Lycette at 206-999-9036 or zwe@co.skagit.wa.us
- Swinomish Environmental Educator Annitra Ferderer at 303-466-1236 or aferderer@swinomish.nsn.us

We are looking forward to a great Canoe Journey this year and reducing our environmental impact. Your participation is key to helping us reaching our waste reduction goals.

Sincerely,

The Swinomish Tribal Community; Protect Mother Earth Task Force

Vendor Packaging Recommendations

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How Can You Package Your Food Items?

Encouraged

Provide your food products in **compostable** packaging and containers, for example:

- Wax Paper
- Uncoated Paper Plates
- Paper Napkins
- Compostable Forks, Knives, Spoons
- Uncoated Paper Boats
- Uncoated Paper Bowls
- Compostable Portion Cups & Lids
- Paper Bags
- Paper or Compostable Clamshells

Strongly discouraged

Please do not use non-recyclable materials to package your food products. For example, do not use:

- Styrofoam
- Foil
- Saran Wrap
- Plastic Forks, Knives, Spoons
- Plastic Portion Cups & Lids

How Can You Provide Drinks?

Encouraged

Provide drinks in **recyclable or compostable** containers, for example:

- Plastic bottles (no water please)
- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles
- Juice boxes
- Clear plastic drink cups (⇒ 1 or ⇒ 2)
- Red plastic drink cups (⇒ 1 or ⇒ 2)
- Paper coffee cups (e.g. Starbucks cups)
- Paper cartons (e.g. milk cartons)

Strongly discouraged

Please do not provide drinks in any of these containers:

- Styrofoam cups

Where Can You Purchase Compliant Packaging?

Costco

Some items available in Costco stores; more available through business delivery

Restaurant Depot

3670 E Marginal Way South
Seattle, WA 98134
206-381-1555

Cedar Grove Packaging

www.gogreenscene.com

Eco-Products.com

Major Food Distributors

e.g. Sysco, US Foods, and Food Services of America

Cash & Carry

Limited selection