

SMALL EVENTS

If your event or programme is small you can easily set up a recycling system, similar to your household collection. Then take it to the drop-off depot at the transfer station or put it out for collection on rubbish day if this is practical. Organics can go in your home compost bin or wormfarm.

LARGER EVENTS

Recycling can go directly into the recycling area at the transfer station for a small charge to avoid sorting large quantities. Organics can go to DB Judds for composting. Alternatively you could employ a commercial collector but make them aware of what you expect and your waste policy and plan.

Biodegradable **Ambassadors**

Tairāwhiti
Green
Recycling
paper **Compost** **Rubbish**
Volunteers **glass** **compost**
Zerowaste
Event **Reserves**
Plastic **green**
Packaging

Waste Reduction at Events



Council's **waste educator** can give you assistance in planning your zero waste event.

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Council asks all organisers of events to consider the waste implications of their event. **Especially those on Council land or Council sponsored.**



What type of wastes will your event generate?

Consider the catering, resources used, hand-outs, decorations and equipment needed.
Could some of this waste be....

 REDUCED	 REUSED	 RECYCLED	 COMPOSTED
<p>Plan to minimise waste from the start. Talk to stakeholders and food and drink vendors about the choices they are making.</p> <p>If food is being provided at your event try and provide as much local, fresh and unprocessed food as possible, with biodegradable packaging and utensils. Look for alternatives to plastic.</p>	<p>Can you reward people for providing their own containers?</p> <p>Could you follow the example of Wash Against Waste and grow sets of washable plates to use at events?</p> <p>After the event check to see if any items could be reused by charities rather than being biffed.</p>	<p>Encourage all stall holders to consider recycling and composting of both their own waste and how their customers can recycle or compost their waste. Plastics coded 1-7, except polystyrene, can be recycled but they have to be clean. If they have food on them they will need to be rinsed in hot soapy water before going into the bin.</p>	<p>Compost is better for the environment, so try and choose products that are bio-degradable (this excludes biodegradable plastics which we do not have the ability to process locally).</p> <p>Bamboo, wood, paper and cardboard are all good options and can be composted with food contamination.</p>

Create a waste minimisation policy and plan and communicate it to everyone involved. Listen to what they think is a hurdle and see how you can overcome it.

Identify what is going to happen to the different waste streams after the event and who is responsible.

“From our experience, although most people want to do the right thing they get confused at an event, others are just not interested and have an ‘out of sight, out of mind’ attitude. Therefore recycling bins at events are usually very contaminated unless systems are put in place.”

Successful systems include:

1 USE RECYCLING STATIONS

Have recycling, compost and waste bins all together with signage on the bins. Locate the recycling stations near busy traffic areas and the exit of the event; make them very visible with flags and banners. (Bins and flags available to borrow from Council).



2 Have separate stations for your stall holders

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3 COVER EXTRA BINS



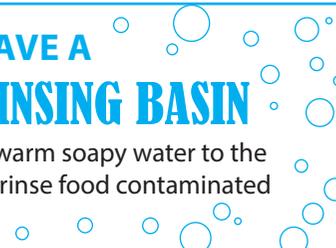
If there are extra rubbish bins at the venue they need to be covered so there is no option just to dump everything in a bin - covers (with signage) are available to do this.

4 USE VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers at the recycling stations help people do the right thing and identify that you are trying to green your event.

5 HAVE A RINSING BASIN



A basin of warm soapy water to the stations to rinse food contaminated plastics.

6 PROMOTE



Promote that you are having a waste free event – in publicity, fliers and over the sound system.

7 MONITOR



Monitor waste collection areas and litter during your event.

8 HOW MUCH WASTE DID YOUR EVENT CREATE?



Weigh recyclables, organics and waste after your event to use in your promotion.