



WASTE REDUCTION GUIDELINES FOR VENDORS

These guidelines are intended to be shared with event vendors directly, or with event organizers hosting events at county facilities to share with their vendors.

Implementation of these guidelines supports the vision and goals adopted in the Sustainable Adams County 2030 Plan and contributes directly to Strategy 6.1: Adams County Low-Waste Guidelines for Event Vendors.



The guidelines serve as a set of recommendations, with the potential to implement incentives or requirements for vendors down the line.

SUSTAINABLE ADAMS COUNTY 2030 VISION

Adams County is committed to being the most innovative and inclusive county in America for all families and businesses.

LOW-WASTE INCENTIVES FOR EVENT VENDORS

The following could be considered to incentivize event vendors to follow low-waste best practices:



Waived or reduced vendor fees for vendors who submit a sustainability plan and provide photo evidence.



Include companies offering **turn-key low waste services** in the resources list provided to event organizers.



County purchase of recyclable/compostable materials such as **cups, plates, silverware** and provided at **no or low cost** to vendors.



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Adams County set a goal to keep 30% of waste generated by events out of the landfill. This means recycling or composting waste whenever possible. Achieving this goal will require coordination and support from event organizers and vendors. Follow as many of the guidelines below as you can to help make our event low-waste!

REDUCE

- Do not use the following items:
 - » Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam™)
 - » Plastic bags, wrapping, condiment packages
 - » Non-recyclable and non-compostable plastic or paper plates, cups and utensils
- Minimize packaging of materials and food brought into the event.
- Provide finger foods that don't require utensils.
- Provide water and other beverages in jugs or bulk dispensers.
- Only provide straws and lids upon request.
- Provide condiments in containers, not individual sachets, if public health guidelines allow.

REUSE

- Use reusable dishes and utensils.
- Reuse decorations and promotional materials whenever possible.
- Encourage and/or incentivize attendees to use their own cups, containers and utensils.

RECYCLE, COMPOST OR DONATE

- Verify that any single use items (cups, utensils, dishware) brought into the event are recyclable or BPI-certified compostable through the waste collection company.
- Make a plan to reuse or donate any extra materials/food you don't plan to use.
- Remember to recycle or compost any waste you can when you break down for the day.



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Recycling Do's and Don'ts



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



Paper
*newspaper, envelopes,
brochures, magazines*



Aluminum/Metal
*beverage cans, food cans,
scrap metal*



Plastic
*water bottles, take out
containers, soda bottles*



Glass
*beverage containers,
glass food jars*



Cardboard
*poster board, cartons,
cardboard boxes*



NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



Aluminum Foil



**Stickers/
Address Labels**



Food Waste*



Styrofoam



Napkins



Tissue



Plastic Bags



Paper Towels

**If composting services are available, check the composting guidelines to see if these and other materials can be composted.*