Near Zero-Waste Guidelines

Zero-Waste Goal

Alexandria is proud to advance its commitment to making the Eco-City Festival a **near Zero-Waste event**. The goal of a Zero-Waste event is to distribute, only when necessary, materials that are recyclable or compostable. Remember that **"reduce"** and **"prevent"** are more waste conscious than recycling.

Zero-Waste Stations

Zero-Waste Stations for **recycling and compost collection** will be available to participants throughout the venue. We aspire to capture all materials for which there is a recovery option, knowing that some items discarded will not be recovered due to lack of technology, contamination, or end markets. Zero-Waste events show our commitment to the environment and help us create a living model of Zero-Waste for event participants and the community.

Items Vendors Can Distribute

All exhibitors and food vendors attending the Eco-City Festival are required, to the extent possible, to hand out **only reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials** to the public. The City of Alexandria will provide recycling and compost containers. Please **break down and empty** (no foam or plastic bags, film, or wrap inside) any **leftover cardboard** at the end of the event and place it next to a recycling container.

Questions on what you can bring to Alexandria's Eco-City Festival? Please contact Amy Posner: amy.posner@alexandriava.gov; 703-746-3916.

Please use the chart below as a guide to assist you in the planning process.

Compost (Yes)

- Food waste
- Napkins & paper towels
- Uncoated paper plates, bowls, cups, and containers
- Pizza boxes
- Paper bags
- BPI certified compostable plates, utensils, straws, cups



Recycling (Yes)

- Aluminum
- Glass (dispose of separately in designated recycling bins)
- Plastic bottles
- Cardboard (broken down, empty, place neatly next to recycling bin)
- Plastic containers (empty, place food in compost bin)
- Paper



Trash (No)

- Plastic utensils, straws
- Foam cups, containers
- Plastic bags, wrap, & cling film
- Plastic items smaller 2" by 2"
- Non-recyclable or single use promotional swag

