



ZERO WASTE SMALL EVENTS GUIDE



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IMPORTANT POINT: Text highlighted in pink is key information — pay attention!



ZW TIP

Look for these tips throughout the guide for helpful hints and main points to remember.





INTRODUCTION: MAKING ZERO WASTE EASY

WHAT IS ZERO WASTE?

“Zero Waste is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use.”

—Zero Waste
International Alliance

Zero waste events show your commitment to the environment while creating a model of zero waste for your guests. The key to a zero waste event is careful planning so all materials are reusable, recyclable, or compostable. By thinking ahead about the materials your guests will be using and disposing of, it's easy to plan waste out of the event.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) bans recyclables, food scraps, leaf and yard waste, and clean wood from the landfill. Now is the time to reimagine how to manage waste at your event, both to comply with Vermont law and to offer an added benefit to your participants and the environment.

Zero waste event planning can apply to a block party or a large festival or wedding. Reducing waste follows the same basic principles. Each

opportunity to hold a zero waste event makes a difference both for the environment and by showing others that this is achievable.

WHY ZERO WASTE?

Nearly half of all U.S. landfills are full or have been closed because of groundwater contamination.

At the pace we are tossing trash, we'll fill up Vermont's only permitted landfill in a matter of years. But siting a new landfill is not sustainable due to pollution (methane emissions, other greenhouse gas leaks, groundwater pollution, etc.), high landfill siting and maintenance costs, and the fact that most people don't want a landfill in their backyard.

The linear model of consumerism (extracting virgin resources for products and packaging, then discarding these resources to landfills or incinerators) is a primary cause of global resource depletion and associated environmental, climate, and social problems. Zero waste is an integral part of a circular economy, where everything is treated as a resource.



Landfills can pollute the environment, including the groundwater we drink.



→ ZW TIP

Use this guide to help you plan your event. Not all options will apply to your event—pick and choose the ones that are right for you.

1 THE SORTING STATION



A sorting station at a wedding.



→ ZW TIP

Reserve bins for your Zero Waste Event today! Call the CVSMD office at 802-229-9383 to get started or visit cvswmd.org. This program is for events taking place within the CVSMD member towns only (see inside front cover).

TYPES OF SORTING STATIONS

Every event needs a bin for food scraps, recyclables and landfill at the very least. Ideally, the sorting stations will be monitored by trained volunteers.

- **Recyclables:** Clean and free of food debris. Set up rinse station to aid in this process. A separate station can be set up if your event is collecting bottles and cans to return or for charity donation.
- **Food Scraps:** Check with your hauler to know what is accepted based on the food scraps final destination.
- **Fry Oil:** Contact a fry oil recycler (such as Black Bear BioDiesel) to remove used oil at the end of your event..
- **Landfill:** What remains and cannot be reused, recycled, or composted.
- **Reusable:** Bus bins or washing station.

SORTING BINS: Bins and cans should be color-coded to indicate what goes in each bin. For example: all compost bins green, recycling bins blue, and landfill bins black.

Where to get sorting bins? CVSMD loans out sorting stations along with signage, free with a \$25 deposit, for your event. Go to: cvswmd.org/bin-loan-program

Consistency is KEY. It is important that every sorting station at your event looks the same to avoid confusion for your event guests. Same bins, same order at every location.

ANATOMY OF A SORTING STATION



GOT MORE THAN ONE STATION?

Keep them consistent: same order of bins, same signage, etc.

COMPOST

Food scraps (vegetables, meat, dairy, liquids)
NO milk cartons, paper products, or compostable containers



RECYCLING

Plastic, metal, glass, paper
No Styrofoam
Leave lids on bottles
Clean, dry and empty (NO food-soiled items)



TRASH

Juice & milk cartons, straws, paper cups, wrappers, Styrofoam, food-soiled paper products, plastic silverware, compostable containers...



MONITORS
EDUCATE & KEEP
CONTAMINANTS
OUT!



SIGNAGE

Keep clear and consistent. Use examples if you can.

LOCATION is important: near food or lines of traffic, easy to see. Cover if open to rain.

DETAILS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS

RECYCLABLES: The following items are recyclable in the CVSWMD:

- **Plastic:** #1-6, larger than 2" on any 2 sides
- **Metal:** Aluminum, clean tin foil larger than 2" balled, steel, cans
- **Glass:** all colors
- **Paper:** office paper, box board, etc.
- **Cardboard:** corrugated and other brown boxboard



USE CLEAR BAGS, AND EMPTY RECYCLABLES OUT OF BAGS FOR HAULER PICK-UP OR DROP-OFF

→ ZW TIP

To recycle properly, empty recyclables out of collection bags when they go into your large roll-off provided by your hauler. If you don't un-bag recyclables they might end up in the landfill.



→ ZW TIP

If composting in central Vermont, do not use “bio” bags or “compostable” bags for collecting food scraps. Large-scale composters in our region do not accept materials in bags of any form. Instead, food scraps go directly into the designated bin – WITH NO BAG.

FOOD SCRAPS

ACCEPTABLE FOOD SCRAPS:

- All vegetable waste
- Meat
- Dairy
- Eggshells
- Coffee
- Bread
- Small amounts of waste oil and liquids

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- Compostable containers and utensils
- Soiled paper products (napkins, plates, cups)
- Straws
- Stir sticks

DO NOT USE BIO-BAGS

FOOD SCRAPS GO
DIRECTLY IN BIN



LANDFILL: Anything headed for the landfill should go in a black trash bag to differentiate it from the clear recyclables bags. This will make it more likely that your volunteers and staff will get the materials that everyone

worked so hard to sort into the correct place at the end of the event. It also makes it clear which bags should be dumped OUT—the clear ones, and which go in the trash—the black ones.



USE BLACK TRASH BAGS
FOR LANDFILL ITEMS



SORTING STATION SIGNAGE

Tips for clear, effective signage:



□ SIGNS

- **Clear wording:** Use as few words as possible, such as RECYCLING, COMPOST, LANDFILL.
- **Large Font:** Make it stand out!
- **Placement:** Be sure signs are at eye level and easy to see from a distance.
- **Photos and Images:** Use colors corresponding to bin color. Put clear photos of what goes in the bin on the sign.
- **Display:** Use a corkboard, poster board or plexi-glass case to display waste items found at the event, or staple these items to the signs themselves. (For example, see photo above.)
- **Reusable:** Reuse your signs at other events. Consider using a heavy-duty material to reuse.

Clear signage at the Healthy Living Market sorting station.



→ ZW TIP

CVSWMD offers free signage at cvswmd.org.



 **ZW TIP**

A few stations **DONE RIGHT** in key locations will be more productive than many trash cans found everywhere.



STATION LOCATIONS

Determine the number of sorting stations you will need based on your venue and number of attendees. Sorting stations need to be set up in key locations throughout your event venue, such as:

- At the bar
- Near eating areas (perhaps more than one)
- Food prep area
- Near entrances/exits

VARIABLES TO CONSIDER

WHERE ARE THE CURRENT LANDFILL BINS LOCATED?

Consider keeping the stations where people are used to finding trash bins at previous events. Be consistent year to year to develop habits in event attendees.

WHAT IS THE LAYOUT OF THE VENUE? Typical sorting station locations might include where food and beverages are being served and consumed or along heavy traffic flows.

IT'S THE LAW: Vermont Law bans recyclables and food scraps from the landfill. The best way to do this is to pair recycling, compost and trash bins in one place.



2 PLANNING DOWNSTREAM

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EACH STREAM POST-EVENT?

Pre-event planning includes identifying what happens to the sorted resources after the event. Identify:

- Who will pick up each stream (haulers)?
- How often will it need to be picked up?
- Where will it be stored during the event?

RECYCLING: Make sure that if recycling is collected in plastic bags, that they are taken out of the bags and dumped into a larger receptacle at the end of the event. Haulers will not accept recycling in plastic bags.

All recyclables **MUST** be free of grease and food debris. Set up rinsing station(s) for ensuring clean recyclables.



→ ZW TIP

All recycling must be emptied from plastic bags before bringing to end site.



Chicken break down food scraps at Vermont Compost in Montpelier.

FOOD SCRAPS: For large events, work with a food scrap hauler to manage food waste. Learn about haulers in your area on our website: cvswmd.org. You will need to set up a contract with a food scrap hauler well before the event is scheduled.

For smaller events, options include:

- Work with a local pig or chicken farmer to collect your food scraps afterward.
- Look for someone who might take your food scraps for composting at their residence or farm.
- For less than 48 gallons of food scraps, drop off at any of the compost facilities listed above in covered 5 gallon buckets. Make sure they are contaminant free (no non-organic matter, no paper, no plastic) and call the facility ahead.

WASTE OIL: Will you collect waste oil at your event? If small amounts, it can be included with your food scraps. Larger amounts can be collected separately either through Grow Compost, or Black Bear Biodiesel. You will need to arrange for waste oil collection well before your scheduled event, and educate food service providers about how to do it.

LANDFILL: Any non-recyclable containers, soiled paper plates, containers with food debris, non-compostable items, disposable “compostable” dishware, and other trash.

CHOOSE A HAULER

Find an updated list of haulers by region on our website at: cvswmd.org/licensed-hauler-list.

- If you are planning a smaller event (300 people or less) and you don't want to hire a hauler, you can still find out where to take your materials after the event, by finding a transfer station drop-off location on our website: cvswmd.org/transfer-stations.
- Is someone involved in your organizing team or staff/volunteer who would be willing to haul each stream to its end point?
- Is there a local farmer or homesteader who would take your food scraps?
- Recycling: Make sure that if you plan to haul your own materials that you understand where to take the recycling and what specifics you need to know about sorting or other preparation. All recycling must be emptied from plastic bags before bringing to end site.

PLEASE DON'T
FEED ME MEAT!



→ ZW TIP

If you are working with a local farmer, be aware of Vermont's Swine Feed Laws; no meat or food scraps contaminated with meat may be fed to swine. If feeding to pigs, meat must be kept separate from other food scraps. There is no such policy for feeding food scraps to chickens.

3 PREVENT CONTAMINATION WITH VOLUNTEERS

YOU CAN STOP CONTAMINATION!



→ ZW TIP

Contamination refers to any item that is found in a bin where it doesn't belong. For example, a plastic fork in a food scrap bin is considered contamination, just as a dirty paper plate in a recycling bin is contamination.

You can stop contamination before it begins, with great signage, color coded bins, clearly marked bins, use of symbols and images instead of text, and trained volunteers who regularly monitor the sorting stations.

Each sorting station should feature a trained volunteer who helps attendees by both educating and ensuring that there is no contamination between the bins. Your volunteers could include, friends, families, neighbors, or anyone else eager to help you make this a zero waste event.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

STEP 1: Determine how many volunteers you need, and identify where and when (pre-event, during, and post-event) people need to be assigned.



STEP 2: Recruit volunteers. No later than four weeks before your training date, reach out to potential volunteers.



STEP 3: Train and schedule. Set up a time to go over waste station roles and responsibilities, and work out all the details with your team.

Assign volunteer roles in 2-hour time slots.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Sorting station monitor: prevent sorting mistakes, pull full bins, friendly education
- Set-up and take-down of sorting stations.



- During event: gathering and sorting materials during the event
- Post-event: consolidate materials to be made ready for haulers
- Collect and consolidate signage and bins

Volunteers help sorting stations run smoothly.

By recruiting and training as many volunteers as possible, you will have a Zero Waste Team available to assign to various tasks.

TRAINING

Volunteers need to be on board with your zero waste program, and know their roles. The training should include information about:

- General requirements for recycling at events
- What materials can (and cannot) be recycled (or composted) — providing physical examples of the types of things they will see at the event will be MOST helpful
- Positive ways to help attendees and food service providers get discarded materials into the correct bin
- Where sorted materials belong and how they need to be treated



→ ZW TIP

Identify an “event captain” or team leader to carry forward your zero waste events. That person can move from station to station during the event to check-in with volunteers, answer questions and make sure sorting is being done correctly.



→ ZW TIP

Using volunteers enables you to have more hands on deck for a smoothly run event. It also creates an opportunity to educate and spread awareness about recycling and composting.

- A pocket guide to use as a reference if they forget (see appendix A for sample; pick up free guides at the CVSWMD office), and FAQs for harder questions (see appendix B)
- What the volunteer schedule is on the day of the event, where they are expected to be and at what time
- Contact information for their point person or if anything unexpected arises

Volunteers help prevent contamination at stations.





4 FOOD SERVICE & REUSABLES

If you'll be using a caterer or food service onsite, you need to gather basic information about what your waste streams will look like.

SIMPLIFY AND REDUCE: Require all food service providers to use the same containers (to reduce confusion at sorting station) that are recyclable and/or reusable.

Remember, compostable containers and paper products are NOT accepted at any central Vermont composting facility or food scrap drop-off site.

REUSABLE SERVICEWARE OPTIONS: Go to our website to consider how you can host an event using only reusable serveware: cvswmd.org/zero-waste-event-kit.



→ ZW TIP

Communicate with food service providers EARLY to work out how they reduce waste/go zero!

FOOD SERVICE GUIDELINES

Here are tips on communicating your requirements to food service providers.



→ ZW TIP

Consider using reusable dishes and borrow or buy a dishwashing (three-bin rinse/soap/sanitize) station.

- Require food service providers to recycle used cooking oil.
- Require or strongly encourage food service providers to provide drinks and condiments (water, tea, sugars, ketchup, salad dressings, etc.) in bulk instead of in individual packages and servings.
- Provide food service providers with a compost bucket and information both in writing and in a spoken conversation about how your food scrap collection will work. Remember, by 2020, food scraps are banned from the trash in Vermont, so most food service providers will already be familiar with how this works.
- Provide food service providers with a list of acceptable/not acceptable items. This will help prevent unwanted items showing up day of the event.
- Have food service providers sign an agreement to follow your guidelines that contains all the above suggestions.

SOURCING REUSABLE SERVICEWARE



You can sew your own napkins, or find a crafty friend to make them for you.

If your event will have fewer than 400 participants, use catering supply companies or locally sourced reusable items for serving and eating food, such as tablecloths, silverware, glasses, mugs, plates and cloth napkins that can be washed and reused. If reusables aren't an option for the caterer or vendor that you select, use only recyclable materials, when possible.

CATERING SERVICES

If you are working with a catering company, ask them to provide only washable/reuseable containers. Most catering companies are willing and able to comply with requests to compost food scraps, use reusable containers, and limit the amount of waste, when requested.

BRINGING IN REUSABLES

Bring in your own food and serviceware! Here's some ideas of how you can source your own reusables:

- CVSWMD has event kits for a sliding scale fee for event settings up to 200. Check out cvswwmd.org/event-kits
- Use a local catering supply company for serviceware.
- Find serviceware at thrift stores, tag sales, or your grandma's attic!
- If you sew or know someone who does, make your own napkins.
- Host at a local venue that has in-house kitchen and/or serviceware.
- Outdoor event? Set up a simple three-bin dishwashing station and recruit volunteers to help with washing. Borrow dishwashing bins for free from us at: cvswwmd.org/bin-loan-program

Learn more about local resources for hosting a zero waste event on our website: cvswwmd.org/local-resources.

If reusables aren't an option for the caterer or food service provider that you select, use only recyclable materials that get rinsed, as compostable products are not currently accepted at any central Vermont commercial composting facility.



Reusable plates cut down on landfill waste.



→ ZW TIP

Remember: Compostable dishware and flatware is not currently accepted at any central Vermont commercial composting facility.

5 OTHER AREAS TO THINK ABOUT



→ ZW TIP

Here are more ways to reduce waste for prizes, decorations, and giveaways:

- Limit giveaways.
- Consider non-material giveaways instead of stuff, like a coupon or gift voucher.
- Make sure all items purchased are reusable, recyclable, or compostable.
- Allow participants to select only the items they actually want to avoid unwanted items going into the trash bin.
- Distribute items to attendees that will help them to reduce waste (cloth bags, native plant seeds, potted plants, etc).

DECORATIONS AND GIVEAWAYS

Consider the environmental impact of any raffle prizes, giveaways, centerpieces or decorations to be used at the event, including the packaging they come in. Use natural materials for decorations that can be composted after the event. More tips in the sidebar at left!

WHAT'S LEFT OVER?

LEFTOVER FOOD: Encourage attendees to bring leftover food home using reusable containers. Research opportunities, in advance of the event, to donate untouched, unopened food to local food shelters, food pantries, or churches. Generally, food banks in Vermont may be willing to collect perishable, prepared food that they will then immediately deliver to a food pantry, soup kitchen, or shelter. Consider donating to the Vermont Foodbank. Contact the food bank in advance to make sure arrangements are made for the event.

STORE EXTRA SUPPLIES: Share what you've learned, and, if this event was a one-time only event, pass on things like sorting station materials, reusables, or donate to a local school, church or reuse store.

GO PAPERLESS! INVITATIONS, TICKETS, AND REGISTRATION

To reduce waste upstream, consider online and email invitations. Use an electronic system for guest responses and registration. Here are some other tips:

- If you decide to use paper invitations for a more formal occasion, select those made from post-consumer recycled paper or paper alternatives.
- Make a note in the invitation that the event will be zero waste.
- When applicable, encourage attendees to bring reusable containers in order to bring leftovers home with them.

BRING YOUR OWN...

When possible, ask your guests/attendees to help reduce waste at the event by bringing their own products from home. Examples include:

- Reusable water bottle
- Plate, bowl, silverware
- Napkin

HUMAN WASTE: WHAT ABOUT BATHROOMS?

Ready to take zero waste ideas into the bathroom? Here are some ways to reduce human waste at your event:

- Rich Earth Institute has great info on their website about urine diversion. They may even come collect for your event! Visit RichEarthInstitute.org.
- Check out the *Humanure Handbook*, by Joseph Jenkins, to learn everything you need to know from building your own to maintaining a composting toilet.
- Check out *Liquid Gold: the Lore and Logic of Using Urine to Grow Plants*, a book by Carol Steinfeld.

Learn more about this topic on our website:
cvswmd.org/CVSWMD.org/composting-toilets.



Build your own temporary toilet like this one!

APPENDIX A

Pocket Guide

VENDORS

- DONATE** → leftover pre-consumer food
- COMPOST** → leftover food, food scraps, coffee grounds, etc
- FATS & OIL** → See event coordinator for collection site (small cooled amounts go into compost bin)
- RECYCLING** → Cardboard, clean paper, clean empty cans & bottles (with caps).
- TRASH** → plastic bags, plastic wrap, Styrofoam, coated paper



QUICK TIPS

- CUPS** → Check carefully for recycling vs. trash
- COMPOSTABLE CUPS & DISHES** → trash
- UTENSILS** → trash (both compostable & plastic)
- SOILED PAPER PRODUCTS** → trash
- CONTAINERS WITH FOOD DEBRIS** → trash
- LIDS** → stay on bottles and recycle!

LANDFILL

- PLASTIC** → utensils, stirrers, straws, bags
- SNACK BAGS & WRAPPERS**
- CONDIMENT PACKETS**
- MILK & JUICE CARTONS**
- STYROFOAM**
- PET WASTE**
- DIAPERS**
- COFFEE CUPS**
- COATED PAPER PRODUCTS**

IF IN
DUBT,
THROW IT
OUT!



NOTES

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RECYCLE

- EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS** → cans, bottles, plastic (#1-6)
- BOTTLES WITH LIDS!** → also, lonely lids larger than 2"
- PAPER** → clean, uncoated paper
- CARDBOARD** → including pizza boxes
- FOIL** → without paper layer



DATA FORM

Measurement method (circle one)

gallons weight # of bags

Recycling #

Food Scraps #

Landfill #

COMPOST

- ALL FOOD SCRAPS** → veggies, meat, dairy, bread, bones, dressing, citrus rinds, coffee grounds, etc!
- NOT ALLOWED:**
 - Pet waste
 - Diapers
 - Condiment packets
 - Paper products or wooden stir sticks
 - Utensils



Download this pocket guide at cvswmd.org or pick up free guides at the CVSWMD offices.

APPENDIX B

Zero Waste FAQ for Events

Q: WHAT IS ZERO WASTE?

Zero waste means exactly what you might think: Nothing gets “wasted”! A zero waste event is one in which organizers emphasize reusable, recyclable, or compostable materials in order to minimize landfill-bound waste from the event. Diverting 90% or more of your waste from the landfill is considered a success!

Q: WHY IS THIS A ZERO WASTE EVENT?

- It's better for the environment.
- Reduces methane emissions that seep out of the landfill
- The food waste collected will be composted for use by local farmers, and gardeners.
- Reduces dumpster costs by lowering trash volumes.
- It's Vermont law...ACT 148 bans recyclables from the landfill, and by 2020 bans foodscraps from the landfill.

Q: WHY IS RECYCLING BETTER THAN THROWING THINGS AWAY?

Because recycling...

- conserves natural resources by reducing our need to mine for raw, virgin materials,
- reduces energy and water consumption necessary to manufacture new materials from scratch, and
- creates less air, soil, and water pollution that manufacturing processes create.

Q: WHERE DO ALL THE WASTE STREAMS GO?

Haulers of each stream will collect at transfer stations, residential pick-up, and drop-off sites around central Vermont. Here's where they go from there:

- **Trash:** The Coventry Landfill is the only operational landfill in the state of Vermont. This landfill takes more than two-thirds of the 600,000 tons of waste thrown away every year.
- **Compost:** In Central Vermont, to one of four commercial compost facilities: Vermont Compost, Grow Compost, Black Dirt Farm, and Cookeville Compost.
- **Mixed Recyclable Containers:** Are taken to Vermont's Materials Recovery Center (MRF) located in Williston where it gets sorted by type and sent off to separate materials recycling facilities in and out of state.

Q: WHY DO PAPER PRODUCTS & COMPOSTABLES GO INTO THE TRASH BIN INSTEAD OF THE RECYCLING OR COMPOST?

Compostable items are made of [corn, sugarcane bagasse, PLA, etc.] and cannot be broken down by our local compost facilities. Paper products that are soiled with food debris cannot be recycled.

QUICK GUIDE

to hosting a Zero Waste event

Recycling and composting at events doesn't have to be challenging, but it does require some planning. Follow this checklist for starters.

SORTING STATIONS & HAULER

- Find haulers for all waste streams. Visit cvswwd.org for a list of Vermont haulers.
- Have at least one sorting station for every 25 people (for events with 300 people or fewer). Don't forget to count food service and volunteers. Don't have bins? Borrow them from us!
- Create consistent sorting stations. Aim for consistency with the serviceware you provide (one type of cup, one type of plate, etc), as well as the bins you use (same bins, same order, same signage). Use actual images of the containers to be recycled on signage if possible.
- Assign a volunteer to monitor and empty stations. Monitoring helps increase awareness while preventing contamination.
- Recyclables must be free of food residue. Set up a rinsing station if you can.
- If you collect recyclables in plastic bags, you must empty them into the roll-off provided by your hauler before you can send the materials for processing.

FOOD SERVICE & REUSABLES

- Consider requiring or incentivizing food service providers to reduce or eliminate disposable dishware and flatware (serve on napkins or with toothpicks).
- Provide a list of approved items to recycle and compost to food service providers.
- Smaller events may choose reusable plates, utensils, cups, napkins, and packaging when possible. Consider renting plates and utensils, or purchasing them cheaply at thrift stores. Recruit a dishwashing team.
- If it is not possible to use reusable serviceware, choose recyclable containers or minimally packaged goods instead.

COMMUNICATION

- Inform your team. Confirm what can and cannot be recycled or composted and communicate it with everybody involved in the event, including vendors and attendees.
- Train event staff and/or volunteers as Waste Warriors. Provide FAQs for volunteers if/and when asked about your events waste flows.
- Educate your attendees. Make sure recycling and composting options are promoted and clearly marked during the event to encourage proper use. Provide educational information for "Why Zero Waste?" Tell folks before and during the event you are aiming for a Zero Waste event, and tell them afterwards how successful you were!