

Mountain Fair

Zero Waste Vendor Guidelines

In this letter we share the zero waste requirements for all vendors at Mountain Fair. While these standards have been a part of our operations for over a decade, we understand that they still may be new to some. Please know that our Green Team is here to guide you before and during the festival and we appreciate your participation. We also recognize that there may be changes and updates to maintain safety during this time, and continued communication will be key.

For food vendors and product samplers, we highly recommend reaching out to our Green Team liaison **before** placing an order for plates, cups, utensils, etc. She will help you procure certified compostable products or sign-off on the products you prefer. **All food vendors and product samplers are required to communicate their chosen dinnerware with our Green Team at 970.930.7900 or Alyssa@EverGreenZeroWaste.com by July 1st to be able to participate.**

Responsibilities of Mountain Fair vendors:

1. **All dinnerware must be certified compostable.** All food waste, plates, bowls, cups, utensils, etc. will be composted. To make it easy on Fair participants everything will be collected in a compost bin, and not have to be sorted. Food cannot be served in plastic or foil.
2. Provide cups and utensils that are branded and clearly labeled “compostable” on each item for customer’s education. Dinnerware packaging should be on-site to verify compostable certification of materials. If there are any questions you will have to prove that your materials are compostable before they can be used.
3. **Limited recyclables are allowed.** This includes aluminum cans, cardboard boxes and paper bags. Glass and single-use plastic is not allowed at the event. Considered recyclables should be discussed with Green Team beforehand.
4. **Outreach, art and craft booths must sample their products using compostable materials and cannot use plastic bags.** Please contact Green Team if you will be giving or sampling anything to event attendees.
5. Decorate your booth with reusable, natural materials. Please avoid single-use plastic tablecloths or decorations.
6. **All participating vendors must properly sort their waste during the event into compost, recycle and trash bins.** If a booth generates a lot of waste, Green Team can furnish collection bins. They will also educate vendors on sorting guidelines. It is the vendor’s duty to prevent bin contamination and to keep it out of the public’s reach. Please do not use the event’s dumpsters after they have been closed by organizers.
7. **Vendors who do not follow our zero waste requirements in regards to dinnerware, sorting or leaving their site clean have the potential to lose their booth deposit and their opportunity to be invited back to future festivals.**

Thank you for positively representing Mountain Fair and our sustainability goals; we couldn’t do it without you!

RECOMMENDED COMPOSTABLE DINNERWARE SUPPLIERS:

EverGreen ZeroWaste
Carbondale, CO
(970) 930-7900
www.EverGreenZeroWaste.com

Amazon.com
All items must be labeled
“compostable.” Send webpage link
to Alyssa for verification.

Tundra Specialties
Boulder, CO
(303) 440-4142
www.eTundra.com

Mountain Fair Zero Waste Guidelines for Food Vendors and Samplers

PLATES



All plates must be compostable. They can either be made of paper or sugarcane. Eco-Products, Chinet and generic, uncoated paper plates are compliant. They cannot have a plastic lining.



BOWLS & FOOD TRAYS



All bowls, trays and "boats" must be compostable. They can either be made of paper or sugarcane. Eco-Products and Chinet are compliant. They cannot have a plastic lining.



COLD CUPS & LIDS



All cold cups must be a PLA corn cup, labeled "compostable" on the outside; clear cups are not allowed. If straws or lids are provided they must also be labeled compostable. Styrofoam & plastic are not allowed.



HOT CUPS & LIDS



All hot cups & lids must be compostable. Cups cannot have a plastic lining; they must come from a company that uses a corn-based lining. Each cup must be labeled "compostable."



UTENSILS



All utensils must be compostable, such as PLA or bamboo. Packaging must be onsite, and each individual utensil must be labeled "compostable." Biodegradable items are not compliant.



SAMPLE / PORTION CUPS



Any cup less than 6oz must be paper-based without a plastic lining. Napkins, toothpicks, cupcake wrappers & waxed paper are also good options. Plastic cups are not allowed.



CLAMSHELLS & CONTAINERS



All to-go type containers must be paper-based & compostable. They must either be uncoated or use a corn-based liner. Styrofoam & plastic are not allowed.



WRAPS & BAGS



All liners, wraps and bags must be paper-based and compostable. They can either be an uncoated paper or wax paper. Aluminum foil, saran wrap, ziplocks and plastic bags are not acceptable.



Reminder: to participate as a food vendor or sampler, you are required to connect with our Green Team by July 1st at 970.930.7900 or Alyssa@EverGreenZeroWaste.com to confirm your compostable dinnerware choices. Thank you!

*Please ensure that all your materials are compliant with these guidelines. During the event, we have the right to ask you to remove any non-compliant materials.