

THE LOW-DOWN ON

ZERO WASTE

SUPPLIES FOR SUSTAINABLE EVENTS

Put your Zero Waste Workplace to good use - your pocket & the planet will thank you. Use this quick guide for zero waste ideas when planning your next workplace event.



good to know



what to buy



what to avoid



budget tip

CUPS



Encourage people to BYO reusable cups!



Avoid solo cups & poly-coated cups. They're called disposable for a reason—they belong in the landfill.



Choose cups that are BPI certified and specifically labeled COMPOSTABLE.



Cheap wax-lined cups are a great option. These can be composted!



There is no limit to the amount of times aluminum can be recycled. Cans can be a great choice!

PLATES



"Paper" plates sometimes come with a PLASTIC coating.



ALL plates with plastic belong in the landfill.



Choose plates that are BPI certified and/or contain no plastic. Palm leaf plates are a fun alternative!



The cheap, no-shine, white plates can be composted!

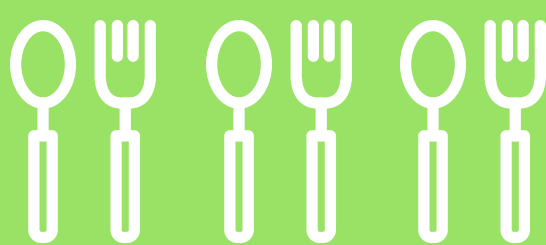
UTENSILS



Use the real stuff! It's easy to BYO or to collect & wash at home.



ALL plastic utensils belong in the landfill.



Choose utensils that are BPI certified & specifically labeled COMPOSTABLE.



Bamboo chopsticks are inexpensive, fun, & can be composted!

NAPKINS

Paper napkins are ALWAYS compostable, even with food!



Hosting a larger event that requires more bins for overflow waste?

Contact WRR to request clearstream rentals.

RECYCLE



LANDFILL



COMPOST



Clearstreams are portable bins delivered to your location, for both indoor & outside events. Bins for recycling, compost, & landfill are available. Call 919.515.9421 or visit recycling.ncsu.edu for more info.

FOOD

ALL food can be composted here at NC State. This includes meats, fruits, cakes, & more. Place all unwanted food in your compost bin!

