

May 16th, 2017

Dearest Food and Beverage Provider for Carnaval,

We are working together in striving for **Zero Waste** at this upcoming Carnaval. To make this ambitious goal possible, the cooperation of all participants is needed. As a food provider, you have the opportunity to help us be a green event and reduce the work it takes to do so.

Please bring 3 bins to sort your discards into compost, recycle or landfill. We will have carts just for food vendors, with a set for each 4 vendors. Please service your own bins to these carts and crews will help take them away. Cardboard should be flattened and stacked next to the carts.

There will be other compost and recycling collection stations throughout the event to for the public, please do not use these as they are not designed for large deposits.

We hope you and all guests find satisfaction in the sustainable practices that will take place at the event; however to make the event as close to a Zero Waste event as possible, **vendors are asked to ensure the following conditions are met or risk losing their deposit:**

- **Collect trash, compost and recycling separately** in your booth and deposit in CARTS only. Failure to properly sort your compost/recycling/trash can result in a lost deposit.
- No Styrofoam, #6 PS cups, ALUMINUM FOIL, plastic bags or non-compostable containers can be used
- Exclusively certified **COMPOSTABLE** utensils and food service ware will be used - avoid products labeled "biodegradable" as well as brands such as Trellis Earth and Taterware, as these do not compost. Using unapproved utensils can mean risking your deposit.
- Food should be served on paper plates, or in **COMPOSTABLE** containers, **not** in plastic or styrofoam clamshells. Metal foil or individually wrapped packages are to be avoided. There are many paper/compostable wraps available. <http://www.sfapproved.org/compostable-or-recyclable-foodware-straws-and-napkins>
- Food portions should be determined appropriately to prevent food waste - offering multiple options are good: S, M, or L serving sizes reduce food waste
- **All eatable but uneaten food will be donated** - (contact us in advance if you expect leftovers, we will be coordinating with local food rescue organizations). Compost scraps.
- All recyclables (i.e. paper, cardboard, cans and bottles) will be recycled - **cardboard should be flattened**



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Check locally, as these do not exist in many communities. **Not suitable for backyard composting.** CERT # SAMPLE

ALL FORKS NEED THIS LOGO

Implementing these practices as well as making a commitment to the goal of Zero Waste will help make your booth and this event as waste-free as possible, becoming a shining beacon of hope to those in despair over the trashing of our planet. The solution is feeding and regenerating the soil with compost. Thank you for your help!