



# Event & Food Vendor Requirements



- All food service businesses in Seattle, including event food vendors, must use compostable packaging for food items. Beverages may be served in recyclable cups, cans, or bottles.
- The City of Seattle prohibits all businesses, including event producers and vendors from disposing of recyclable or compostable materials in the garbage.
- Events in Seattle MUST provide recycle and compost collection bins in areas including public, vendor and staff areas to collect appropriate materials for recycling and composting.

## **Food Packaging Ordinance: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.086)**

Requires food service businesses selling or providing food for consumption on or off premises in one-time use service ware or packaging to use compostable or recyclable packaging.

## **Recyclables Not Allowed in Garbage: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.083)**

Requires all businesses to separate paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic and paper cups, plastic bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans, and yard waste from the garbage. These items are not allowed in the garbage (Effective July 1, 2014).



## **Food Not Allowed in Garbage: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.082)**

Requires all businesses to separate all food and food-soiled uncoated paper, such as paper napkins, paper towels and pizza boxes, from the garbage. These items are not allowed in the garbage (Effective January 1, 2015).

## **Event Beverage Container Recycling Program: Washington State Code (RCW 70.93.093)**

A recycling program must be provided at every official gathering and at every sports facility by the vendors who sell beverages. A recycling program includes provisions to transport and recycle the collected materials. The recycling receptacles must be clearly marked for beverage containers.

Contact the Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program for free assistance and resources for complying with these ordinances.

For interpretation services, please call 206-684-3000.  
如需要口譯服務，請撥電話號碼 206-684-3000。

통역 서비스를 원하시면 206-684-3000. 으로 전화하세요.

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Para servicios de interpretación por favor llame al 206-684-3000.

Para sa serbisyo ng tagapagpaliwanag, tumawag sa 206-684-3000.

Về dịch vụ phiên dịch xin gọi 206-684-3000.

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# Resources



The list of vendors below is provided as a resource to event producers and food service businesses.

## Collection Bin Examples



Frames



Carts



Boxes



Mini Bins



Big Bins

## Collection Bin Manufacturers

### Busch Systems

[www.buschsystems.com](http://www.buschsystems.com)

1-800-565-9931

### Continental Commercial Products

[www.continentalcommercialproducts.com](http://www.continentalcommercialproducts.com)

1-800-325-1051

### Clear Stream Recycling Products

[www.clearstreamrecycling.com](http://www.clearstreamrecycling.com)

1-855-411-4321

### Rubbermaid Commercial Products

[www.rubbermaidcommercialproducts.com](http://www.rubbermaidcommercialproducts.com)

1-800-810-7847

For a full list of approved compostable bag manufacturers, visit:  
[www.cedar-grove.com/commercial/accepted-items](http://www.cedar-grove.com/commercial/accepted-items).



## Collection Service Providers



RECOLOGY CLEANSCAPES

GARBAGE | RECYCLING | COMPOSTING

206-250-7500

[info@recologycleanscapes.com](mailto:info@recologycleanscapes.com)



WASTE MANAGEMENT

GARBAGE | RECYCLING | COMPOSTING

800-592-9995

[recyclewm@wm.com](mailto:recyclewm@wm.com)



REPUBLIC

RECYCLING | COMPOSTING

206-332-7777

[infoseattle@republicservices.com](mailto:infoseattle@republicservices.com)



CEDAR GROVE

RECYCLING | COMPOSTING

877-994-4466

[help@cgcompost.com](mailto:help@cgcompost.com)



SEADRUNAR

RECYCLING

206-467-7550

[info@seadrunarrecycling.com](mailto:info@seadrunarrecycling.com)

For more information visit: [www.seattle.gov/util/forbusinesses/solidwaste/recyclingbusinesses/eventrecycling](http://www.seattle.gov/util/forbusinesses/solidwaste/recyclingbusinesses/eventrecycling)

## Packaging Products

Use approved compostable food packaging at special events and festivals. For food service packaging options, check with your local supplier. For a full list of approved compostable packaging products, visit: [www.cedar-grove.com/commercial/accepted-items/](http://www.cedar-grove.com/commercial/accepted-items/).