

Zero Waste Events

A Zero Waste event is an event with a set goal to minimize the total amount of waste sent to the landfill through either diversion or aversion practices.

How can I make my event zero waste?

Key steps:

1. Review the type of waste you think your event will generate
 - a. Recyclable materials (paper, metal, plastic, glass)
 - b. Common landfill items: plastic wrap from giveaways
 - c. What the vendors might be bringing (cardboard boxes)
 - d. Food scraps
2. For more ways to reduce the overall footprint of your event check out the Green Event Certification: links.asu.edu/certification

Where can zero waste events happen on campus?

Anywhere; Consider this:

1. All building classrooms, conference rooms, and meeting centers are already equipped with recycling and landfill bins.
2. Moving and Event Services has recycling and trash bins available for you to request for your event on the Tempe campus.

What about collecting compost at my event?

Currently food scraps from event waste are only being collected in the Memorial Union (MU) on Tempe Campus. As the compost collection program expands across all campuses, compost collection will be available at more event locations. If you are holding an event in the MU, all leftover food from your event is automatically composted. If you would like the option for event attendees to compost their food waste during the event, work directly with ASU Catering to help plan a sustainable menu and request additional compost bins.

What about having bin guards at my event?

Bin guards help educate event attendees about proper waste disposal. Consider recruiting from within your own event staff for bin guards.

Resource Section

- To request equipment or bins for your event outside of the MU visit Moving and Event Services webpage [here](#) and fill out an Event Request Form.
- For sustainable food options take a look at ASU Catering's webpage [here](#).
- Register your event with the Office of Special Events [here](#), click on the "register special event" tab.

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