



Tour de Sprawl

A Zero Waste Event



To divert as much waste as possible from going to the landfill:

- Only materials that can be recycled or composted are used at this event.
- All waste is separated.
- All bottles, cans and paper are recycled.
- All food scraps and non-recyclable paper are composted.

100% biodegradable/compostable materials:

- **Bagasse cups** are made of **sugarcane** fiber that is a by-product of the sugar refining process. The products are bleached with hydrogen peroxide and do not have any coating, so that they are biodegradable and compostable. They can be used for hot or cold foods, and are thick and sturdy, microwaveable, freezer safe, and oil resistant.
- **PLA (polylactic acid) cups** is made from glucose from **corn** and **potatoes**. PLA looks just like traditional, clear plastic. The raw material is manufactured in the United States by Cargill Dow from crops grown in the USA. However, at this time much of the conversion is done by Asian and European companies. Because the crops used are not organic and come from general markets, they are not guaranteed GMO-free. Prices must decrease to make an organic/GMO-free PLA product financially marketable.
- **Recycled poly-coated milk carton plates and bowls** are made from defective cartons that never had milk in them. The plastic is separated from the milk carton stock and then the pulp is used for the plates and bowls. The plastic goes to a company that uses it in a waste-to-energy production process. The plates are unbleached and made thick and durable without any coating, so that they are biodegradable. They can be used for hot or cold foods, and are microwaveable, freezer safe, and oil resistant.
- **100% post-consumer recycled office paper** is purchased by the Sierra Club through Eureka Recycling's **paper buying cooperative**. This paper is made entirely out of paper from someone's recycling bin, therefore closing the recycling loop. Production uses fewer resources and produces less pollution than paper made from trees. It is certified Processed Chlorine Free (PCF). The chlorine-free bleaching system used to whiten this paper eliminates the discharge of dioxin, a potent cancer-causing gas, and other pollutants that contaminate water.

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