

EVENT SUSTAIN- ABILITY

a guide to an environmentally responsible event



***Are environmental stewardship
and sustainability already
priorities for your group?***

If so, this guide aims to support your existing operations. If not, it will provide structure for where to start.

VENDORS

Minimizing the carbon footprint of your event can be easy, but it takes planning. Here are key considerations when planning your event:



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Ensure that compostable products are mandatory.



Plastic, Styrofoam, and single-used packaging should not be used as these will contaminate organics streams.

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Contact the Waste Diversion Program Liaison*

to order compostable items, receive a list of vendors that supply compostable products, or borrow pre-made signage.

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Items must be COMPOSTABLE.

Biodegradable and "plant based" products do not decompose in our system. To confirm, check for the "BPI Certified" logo on the box.

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Avoid unnecessary waste where possible by considering:

- No paper fountain beverage cups; plastic bottles are recyclable
- No straws
- Lids optional
- Smaller "to go" containers
- Reduced packaging; purchase items in-person instead of having them shipped



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Avoid the sales of individually prepackaged food such as chips, chocolate bars, and ice cream.

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Ensure that condiments are in bulk, not individual containers or packets.



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BRAG ABOUT SUSTAINABLE VENDORS!

Provide a poster for each vendor to display, which says the vendor is using compostable options that can be put in organics carts on-site.

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Schedule a post-event CLEAN-UP PARTY!

Coordinate help to ensure you leave the area as litter-free or better than before your event.

BINS AND CARTS

MOBILE CART SETS

If you are hosting a reduced-waste event, mobile carts are available for rent from the Waste Diversion Program Liaison. These cart stations include a 65-gallon green cart for organic waste, 35-gallon cart for refundable bottles, and a 35-gallon black cart for waste. Each bin has its own sign and appropriate bags will be provided.

NOTE: These stations cannot be separated.



Signage from Strathcona County can be requested to place in front of front load waste and recycling bins, in order to help volunteers decide which bin each bag goes in.



Ideally, depending on the size and scope of your event, having a volunteer dedicated to standing at each station will help guests make the correct choice of where to put their waste. This will also give you the least amount of contamination and the most diversion from the landfill.



WATER STATIONS

Depending on the location of your event, two water fill stations may be available for rent. Guests can use either the affixed water drinking fountain or the bottle tap to fill their reusable bottles for free. These stations require either a tap or access to a fire hydrant to be used.

Contact the Waste Diversion Program Liaison *
to determine if your event site is feasible for a water fill station.



Encourage guests to bring their own reusable water bottles!

OTHER ACTIONS

INSPIRE OTHERS!

Signs are available to post around your event to showcase that you are making an effort to reduce your impact on the environment and that they can do it too!



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

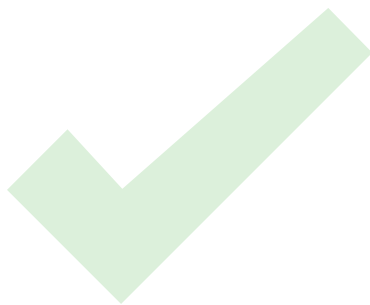


ENCOURAGE ATTENDEES TO WALK, BIKE, OR TAKE PUBLIC TRANSIT TO YOUR EVENT INSTEAD OF DRIVING.

Dedicated shuttles may be available at a fee for large event. Contact Transit by emailing transit@strathcona.ca or calling 780-464-RIDE(7433) to inquire.



The **Waste Diversion
Program Liaison***
can also help you calculate
your waste diversion efforts!



* Strathcona County's Waste Diversion Program Liaison is here to help you with all your event's sustainable needs. Erin can help with everything from finding sustainably minded vendors, to creating signage for boasting about your environmental efforts. Please contact her with any questions you may have.

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