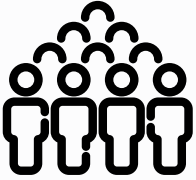


5 STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL EVENT RECYCLING



1 SIZE IT UP

<30 People: Provide recycling containers and self-sort at recycling center.

>30 People: Partner with venue to use existing single-stream recycling pick-up.

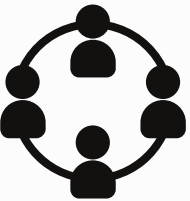
Decide whether you will contract with a waste service provider or rent bins.

>150 People: Contract with waste service provider.



2 CREATE A ZERO WASTE PLAN

Several Summit County towns require a waste plan for special events. The plan should include a map of waste stations, a list of what you'll sort (trash, recycling, glass, and/or compost), and how many bins you need. Document how you will collect and transport waste.



3 COMMUNICATE WITH VENDORS AND STAFF

Create a purchasing policy for vendors and list the types of food and drink containers they are allowed to serve. Encourage products made from recyclable materials and ensure all vendors, staff, contractors and cleaning crews understand your zero waste efforts.



4 LABEL BINS AND PROVIDE SIGNAGE

Use bilingual labels and signs (with pictures!) to show attendees what goes in each bin. Attach examples of common waste items to each bin. HC3 offers free downloadable signs.



5 KEEP IT CLEAN & CELEBRATE

Recruit volunteers to monitor waste stations throughout the event. This is a critical step for ensuring clean recycling and educating attendees. Be sure to celebrate your zero waste efforts when you recap your event.

RESOURCES

Waste Service Providers

Minimal Impact

Jenny Hammock

(334) 329-0846

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Provides pre-event consultation; materials including collection bins, zero waste tents, signage, staff to reduce contamination; post-event hauling and diversion reporting.

Timberline Disposal & Recycling

Amy Manka

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Provides a variety of collection options for any size event; set-up, load-in, load-out of materials; collaboration with staff, vendors, and guests to reduce waste and contamination.



Properly labeled waste stations and trained volunteers are an important part of successful zero waste events.

Bin Rentals, Labels, Signage, Recycling Toolkits

[High Country Conservation Center: Recycling Resources](#)

[High Country Conservation Center: Clear Stream Rental](#)

Recycle Across America Labels: [Recycling](#), [Glass](#), [Compost](#)

Helpful Articles

[High Country Conservation Center - Dear Eartha: How Can I Make My Events Zero Waste?](#)

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