

## 100% Zero Waste Participation Agreement

Dear Food Vendor:

Thank you for your interest in participating at *Louisville's Labor Day Fall Festival!* We are proud to announce that with the help of Eco-Cycle, this event will be a **Zero Waste event**.

The goal at a Zero Waste event is to plan ahead and only **distribute materials that are locally recyclable or compostable** (no materials that have to be landfilled). We have included guidelines with this contract so you know which types of containers and packaging are acceptable. During the event you will be asked to remove any non-compliant materials. It is also important for you to properly sort the waste generated during your operations. For this task, you will be provided with a 3-bin Zero Waste Station to sort compost, recyclables and “back-of-house” trash.

**Please call Eco-Cycle at 303-444-6634 to help you distinguish and obtain Zero Waste materials. Also, visit [www.ecocycle.org/zwevents/services/index.cfm](http://www.ecocycle.org/zwevents/services/index.cfm) for information on Eco-Cycle's Zero Waste Vendor Certification program.**

### *Guidelines to Containers and Service Ware for Zero Waste Events*

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<b>All paper containers including plates, napkins, paper towels, sample cups, and bags.</b> <i>Although you must be certain that the paper items do not have a plastic liner.</i>	<b>Plastic coated paper products are not acceptable.</b> <i>Many paper products are coated with plastic (including frozen food paper packages); an alternative is either uncoated paper or paper with a corn-based liner.</i>
<b>Waxed paper products are great.</b> <i>But, if you cannot easily scratch the coating off with your fingernail it is a plastic lining &amp; is not acceptable.</i>	<b><u>Styrofoam is not recyclable despite any recycling symbols on the product.</u></b>
<b>#1, #2 &amp; #5 plastic tubs, cups and bottles greater than 6oz.</b> (unlined paper, potato starch, or corn starch containers preferred).	<b>All other plastic tubs, cups and bottles that are smaller than 6oz.</b> <i>They are too small for the recycling equipment to properly sort.</i>
<b>Potato starch or corn starch utensils (spoons, forks, knives) and straws that are labeled “compostable”</b> (not “biodegradable”).	<b>Plastic utensils and plastic straws.</b>
<b>Wooden stir-sticks, chopsticks, toothpicks and skewers.</b>	<b>Plastic stir sticks, chopsticks, toothpicks or skewers.</b>
<b>Aluminum foil and cans.</b>	<b>Foil drink pouches.</b>
<b>Glass bottles and jars.</b>	<b>Plastic jar, tub, cup and bottle lids.</b>
<b>Paper milk cartons and drink boxes.</b>	<b>Plastic bags or plastic wrap.</b>
<b>Compostable corn or potato starch tubs, cups, containers and clamshells of any size.</b>	<b>Prepackaged foods in non-recyclable material, such as chip bags, ice cream wrappers, cellophane and condiment packets.</b>

