



International Festival of Raleigh **Guidelines for Green Volunteers**



- **Goal/Objective:**

- To reduce the amount of waste that the International Festival sends to the Landfill.

- **How do we achieve this?**

- We sort the waste generated by the festival into three streams: Compostable, Recyclable, and Trash that goes to the Landfill.
- This results in diverting close to 3,000 pounds of Compostable materials from local landfills annually
- The collected compostable material is composted and turned into a soil-additive that increases soil fertility.

● **Acceptable Materials for Composting:**

- Food service products (plates, bowls, cups) made of paper, and cardboard, such as Chinet and Dixie Products
- Napkins, Paper towels, paper plates, cups and bowls.
- Corn-starch based Poly-Lactic Acid (PLA) products. (Clear plastic cups, usually but not always, clearly marked as compostable or biodegradable).
- Food service products made from Sugar Cane stalks - Bagasse (they look like laminated cardboard or bamboo products)
- All types of food leftovers & scraps
- Cardboard, even with food residue (e.g. Pizza box with cheese and Tomato sauce etc.)
- Wooden skewers, coffee stirrers, and chopsticks

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- **Acceptable Material for Recycling: (but Not composting)**
 - Plastic drink bottles
 - Glass drink bottles
 - Aluminum drink cans
 - Foil and Aluminum pans & trays
 - Plastic yogurt-type tubs,
 - All materials acceptable by the municipal recycling program at your home, can be recycled at the festival

- Material that **Cannot** be Recycled or Composted, and should go into Trash to Landfill (The stuff we want to Minimize)
 - All eating utensils (Forks, Knives, & Spoons)
 - Plastic sauce or dipping cups, lids, stirrers, straws.
 - Portion packs, such as ketchup, mustard, soy-sauce
 - Clear or colored plastic and polystyrene (Styro-foam) products
 - Plastic or Styrofoam clam-shells to-go containers
 - Anything you are not sure is Compostable or Recyclable

When in doubt – Toss it Out.

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The following table clarifies the categories of each type of material, but, **When in doubt, Toss It Out.**

NOTE: The Side-Walk Cafés are required to use only Compostable full-size Plates, Cups, and Bowls. Please verify.

Materials	Recycle	Compost	Trash
Aluminum	Yes	No	No
Foil	Yes	No	No
Plastic bottles and Yogurt type cups & tubs	Yes	No	No
Glass	Yes	No	No
Metal	Yes	No	No
Paper plates, cups & napkins	No	Yes	No
Wooden stirrers & skewers	No	Yes	No
Other Compostable dinnerware	No	Yes	NO
Food products, Tea bags	No	Yes	No
Plastic or polystyrene (Styrofoam) plates, cups, forks, knives & spoons	No	No	Yes

As a **Green** Volunteer

- You will be stationed (in pairs) at a sorting station consisting of three bins: Compost, Recycle, and Waste to Landfill.
- Please take your job seriously. What you are doing is very important for our local area and to the entire world.
- While wearing protective gloves, you will assist festival guests in sorting their waste into the three streams.
- Please keep your attention on the your task and avoid using your phone or engaging in distracting conversation with your fellow volunteers or others.
- Do not eat or drink while at your station. If you need a bathroom break, wait until a Volunteer Manager can relieve you.
- Do not leave your station unattended or with only one volunteer.
- Train the table-cleaning volunteers to help you with sorting the material that they collect and bring to your station.

- Some of your guests will want to get “rid” of the waste as quickly as possible and will throw it into any “unguarded” bin. You can prevent this from happening by keeping your attention on the guests as they approach your station, making eye contact with them and, when possible, explain what you are doing. Many guests will follow your directions and sort their own stuff. If not, please do it for them.
- It is very important to keep the **Compost bin** clean of **contamination**. Only Compostable materials should be allowed in that bin. For example, if someone throws foil, plastic, or glass into the bin, please retrieve it and deposit it in the correct bin.
- Your job is as important as it is challenging. This is why very few festivals take on the challenge of being sustainable as we have.
- Please do not leave your station at the end of your shift until being relieved by the next shift volunteers
- If you have questions, please contact your Volunteer Manager.

- Finally, HAVE FUN !! and thank you for doing such an important job.

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