



Zero Waste Tips: Renting a City Facility



The goal of a zero-waste event is to plan ahead and prioritize the distribution of materials that are locally reusable, or if reuse is not possible, locally compostable, and as a last resort, recyclable.

City facilities have sinks, drinking fountains, and/or water filling stations, as well as reusable pitchers and glassware. Reusable dishware is available at the Arcata Community Center and D St. Neighborhood Center venues. If you choose to use the City's dishware, we will provide you with the information needed to properly clean and put away the dishes for the next user.

The City requires that all disposable foodware containers be made of fiber-based materials as per the Single Use Disposable Ordinance, with some exceptions. To learn more visit <https://www.cityofarcata.org/885/Disposable-Foodware-Regulations>.



Choose to Reuse

Venue renters can bring their own reusables, use the reusable dishware and cleaning resources offered at the City facilities discussed above, or work with a local reusable service-ware group like Bright and Green. Bright and Green provides reusable dishware rentals (including delivery, set up, & pickup), dishwashing services, and waste reduction management.

- Call **Bright and Green** at (925) 214-8099 or visit <https://brightandgreenhumboldt.com>

Compost Collection

Venue renters are encouraged to compost organic waste on their own or work with local composters such as Full Cycle Compost and The Local Worm Guy. Both work with residents and local businesses in processing compost.

- Call **Full Cycle Compost** at (707) 633-9192 or visit www.fullcyclecompost.com
- Call **The Local Worm Guy** at (707) 385-9676 or visit www.localwormguy.com

Recycle Responsibly

Venue renters should educate themselves and attendees about proper recycling practices. Recycling should **not** be put in plastic bags. Ensure only locally recyclable items are placed loosely in the bin. Check with Recreation Dept. staff about recycling container availability at the facility you are renting.

- Call **Recology Arcata** at (707) 683-4853 or visit www.recology.com/recology-arcata/sorting-guides/
- Call **Hambro Recycling** at (707) 954-3418 or visit www.hambrocrvbuyback.com





ZERO WASTE GUIDELINES



AIM TO USE

Reusable Dishware

(Provided at D St Neighborhood
Center & Arcata Community Center)
(Rentable from Bright and Green)

**Compostable Fiber-based
clamshells, containers, cups,
utensils, and straws**

**Reusable decorations, linens,
banners, etc.**

**Wooden stir-sticks, chopsticks,
toothpicks, and skewers**

**Bulk self-serve condiments
and bulk foods**

**Reusable bags, paper bags,
and reusable wraps
(ex: beeswax wrap)**

AVOID USING

**Single-use plastic, bioplastic, or
“compostable plastic” dishware**

**Plastic clamshells, containers,
cups, lids, utensils, and straws**
Do NOT use Styrofoam. It
has been banned in the City
of Arcata since 2015.

**Single-use decorations, such
as plastic linens, stickers,
balloons, confetti, etc.**

**Plastic stir-sticks, chopsticks,
toothpicks, or skewers**

**Pre-packaged, single-serve
condiments and foods in non-
recyclable packages**

Plastic bags or plastic wrap

Thank you for helping us prevent waste in Arcata!