

## C4 ZERO WASTE EVENT VENDOR GUIDELINES

As a commitment to sustainability we are requiring all vendors to abide by our Zero Waste Guidelines for 2024. We appreciate your help in making this a successful, sustainable event, and we are available to support you if you have any questions or concerns.

Cloud City Conservation Center (C4) is the Zero Waste partner for this event and is available for assistance prior to and during the event. Please contact Ash Warner, Sustainability Manager at C4, at [ash@c4leadville.org](mailto:ash@c4leadville.org) with any questions. **We are here to help!**

### PRODUCTS

It is required that serviceware be accepted according to event waste hauler regulations to reduce contamination and decrease the waste entering our local landfill. If you have questions about products being compliant, please contact Ash ([ash@c4leadville.org](mailto:ash@c4leadville.org)) prior to purchasing. If serviceware is being used on-site that is not on the approved list you will be required to stop using them and switch to approved products, or pay a fee for us to provide you with the correct products if available. BPI compostable products can be hard to find and/or expensive in Lake County. We recommend that you purchase products well in advance of the event.

Note that not all items that say "recyclable" or "compostable" are accepted in our area and according to the event hauler's rules. Only purchase items on the "acceptable" list. All other items are not acceptable.

#### Acceptable Containers and Serviceware

- BPI Certified compostable cups
- BPI Certified compostable utensils
- Wooden utensils
- BPI Certified compostable coffee cups
- BPI Certified compostable sample cups
- Paper napkins and paper towels
- Aluminum cans and cups
- Aluminum foil (must be clean, dry, free of food residue, and balled up)

### APPROVED PRODUCTS

**All compostable products must be BPI Certified Compostable. If any products do not have the certification, it is NOT COMPLIANT.**



**Food Containers** such as plates, bowls, trays, & clamshells must be made of paper, bamboo, or other plant material and must be BPI Certified Compostable to ensure they break down at our facility. Note that non-compostable versions are often plastic-lined and are NOT recyclable or compostable.

**Utensils** MUST be labeled BPI Certified Compostable or made from wooden material. Our local recycling and compost facilities cannot accept utensils made from recycled material/content or simply labeled "biodegradable."

**Beverage Containers** such as aluminum cups and cans are accepted for recycling. BPI Certified Compostable "plastic" cups and BPI Certified Compostable coffee-style cups are accepted in the compost. Generic plastic cups are **not** acceptable at this event and will be considered non-compliant if used.

### **Suppliers:**

These suppliers' compostable items have been approved by our local compost facility. *\*Some of these companies also sell non-compostable items, so please look for the **BPI certification**.*

**Eco Products:** <https://www.ecoproducts.com/>

**Green Paper Products:** <https://greenpaperproducts.com/>

## **VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

To help strengthen efforts and efficiency please review the following expectations that event staff and Cloud City Conservation Center have for vendors, including food & beverage sponsors.

1. The Cloud City Conservation Center Zero Waste Team will be onsite to help manage and ensure proper disposal of all waste created during the event. The Zero Waste Team will educate you about proper sorting prior to the start of the event and will be available throughout the event to assist. As a vendor, **it is your responsibility to manage your waste correctly during the event.** For example, break down all cardboard boxes, ensure gloves go in the trash, and food scraps are composted.
2. Vendors shall use the provided trash, recycling, and compost bins to dispose of all waste correctly. If additional bins or bags are needed, please promptly inform the appropriate staff.
3. Share how sustainable you are! Inform guests of your compostable/recyclable products and direct them to the nearest Zero Waste stations for proper disposal.

**Remember that all containers and serveware must be BPI Certified Compostable.**

**Thank you! You play a key role in fostering a culture of care and environmental responsibility in our community.**