

## Takoma Park Street Festival is going Zero Waste in 2016!

What is Zero Waste? The goal of a Zero Waste initiative is to reduce the amount of resources and food waste used at an event. The expected types of waste at the 2016 Takoma Park Street Fest include food leftovers, food containers, napkins, utensils, paper cups, paper (flyers, signs, handbills), and cardboard.

Takoma Park Street Festival requirements for FOOD VENDORS:

- a. **Use Approved Service-ware Only:** compostable or recyclable serve-ware, flatware, wrappers, and drinkware (a list of acceptable food service ware may be found here. (<https://documents-takomapark.s3.amazonaws.com/public-works/polystyrene-ban/PW-20150624-product-and-cost-list.pdf>) to be made with the following:
  1. Acceptable Compostable or Recyclable Materials:
    - a. Paper (recycled content preferred): brown, white, off-white
    - b. Waxed Paper
    - c. Butcher paper
    - d. Aluminum foil
    - e. Plant fiber: sugarcane, wheat straw, bagasse, rice)
    - f. Compostable Plastic
    - g. Plastic: #1 PET or PETE ,#2 HDPE, #3 PVC, #4 LDPE, #5 CAP.
    - h. Wood
  2. Materials NOT Permitted:
    - a. Polystyrene /Styrofoam - Polystyrene food-service ware or packaging is marked with the plastic resin code #6 (PS) on the product or on the box containing the product.
    - b. Cellophane
    - c. Foil Coated paper
    - d. Non-recyclable plastics
- b. **Food Waste Disposal** Upon conclusion of the Takoma Park Street Festival, food vendors are requested to do the following with leftover food:
  - i. *Donate:* Takoma Park Street Festival will establish an agreement to donate unused, unsaleable food to a partnering foodbank or food pantry that will be onsite the day of the event to collect leftovers.
  - ii. *Compost:* Takoma Park Street Festival will offer onsite compost stations to recycle/compost food and paperware that cannot be donated.
- c. **Water Bottles** Takoma Park Street Festival is looking for alternative methods to provide water to Street Festival visitors, including water stations. Water bottles are highly discouraged.
- d. **Other** Vendors are encouraged to:
  - i. Minimize use of containers when at all possible with food delivery.
  - ii. Minimize offering of single serving, individually packaged products.
  - iii. Honor/provide an incentive to customers who bring their own drinkware and service-ware.
  - iv. Use condiment dispensers instead of individual packets or cups.
  - v. Use the Takoma Park Street Festivals garbage separation stations to dispose of your festival waste properly or take with you and dispose of properly
  - vi. Flatten and recycle all cardboard boxes