

Product Information for San Jose Zero Waste Events

In 2008, the City of San Jose initiated a Zero Waste Event program and provided compostable products at no cost to food vendors participating in the Zero Waste Events listed below. The City plans to continue this program in 2009. Food vendors can elect to supply your own products so long as they meet the Zero Waste Event Product Requirements included below.

To receive City Provided Products at No Cost, Vendors Must:

Order products by the deadlines noted for each event (no exceptions!)

Pick up products from a central location at each event

Event Name	Deadline for Orders (no exceptions!)
Cinco de Mayo	March 13
American Independence Festival	May 15
Jazz Festival	June 19
Tapestry Arts Festival	July 17
Italian Festa	August 7

**Food vendors at Zero Waste Events MUST use products that meet the requirements below.
Save yourself time and money by ordering your products in advance.**

Zero Waste Event Product Requirements

New - Clear cups and lids must be  recyclable plastic.

All other serviceware must be compostable.

No other plastic serviceware, including Styrofoam™, may be used at these events.

Acceptable Compostable Food Serviceware Products

- Paper wraps, paper napkins, lightly coated or non-coated paper cups, plates, bowls, pizza boxes, coffee filters, etc. Dixie™ and Solo™ brand paper products that can be ripped can be composted. (The rule of thumb is if it is 90% paper you can rip it, you can compost it.)
- Utensils, made from compostable corn or potato, that are BPI certified (not plastic!)
- Bagasse (sugarcane) plates, bowls, clamshell containers
- Clear PLA (poly lactic acid or “plastic look alike”) products made from corn – deli containers, clamshells, etc. (these **must** be labeled with a green stripe or sticker for identification as compostable and be BPI certified for compostability – a list of products and manufacturers that meet this certification can be found at : <http://www.bpiworld.org/BPI-Public/Approved/2.html>. **Remember, cups must be #1 recyclable plastic, not compostable PLA.**
- Waxy cardboard

Informative Food Vendor Meetings - Save the Date!

Food vendor workshops will be offered on the following dates to correspond with the Zero Waste events as noted. Compostable product examples will be available and additional details about the program will be provided at these meetings. Vendors can attend any meeting, but only need to attend one meeting. The City provided products can be ordered at each meeting, so long as the order is received prior to the corresponding event deadline. Product order forms will be distributed for events in early March.

Meeting Date - 2009	Corresponding Event	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Monday, March 2	Cinco de Mayo	6:30 PM	MLK Library Room 229A
Wednesday, May 6	American Independence	6:30 PM	MLK Library Room 229A
Thursday, June 4	Jazz Festival	6:30 PM	City Hall, Wing Room 120
Monday, July 6	Tapestry Arts	6:30 PM	City Hall, Wing Room 120