



'Target Zero Waste' Initiative and Guidelines



Join us in reducing our environmental footprint.

---The following terms, conditions and guidelines are designed for all stallholders---

Terms and Conditions.

Stallholders must align with our commitment, council guidelines, and the community's expectation of a sustainable festival.

- ✓ Use Approved Materials & Alternatives as specified by the UBVF; this may include but is not limited to food and beverage containers, packaging for goods used, and materials used in producing food and other wares (refer example table below).
- ✓ Use the correct bins for composting, recycling and waste disposal.
- ✓ Understand that failure to meet the requirements will result in closure of your stall.
- ✓ Read the 'Target Zero Waste' Initiative and Guidelines, and agree to comply with the Waste Wise requirements of this event, as specified by the UBVF.

----Introduction----

Thank you for choosing the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival. We know you already have a commitment to the environment and sustainability and we look forward to collaborating and assisting you in any way we can.

The Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival is committed to being as sustainable as possible. We monitor our waste closely each festival. Data is collected for evaluation as we seek to continually reduce our footprint. Single use plastic is banned at this festival.

We aim to minimise our contribution to climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and labour exploitation. "Zero waste" is a concept adopted by the UBVF. It is defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance:

"A goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use.

Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them.

Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health" (Zero Waste International Alliance, 2009).

Furthermore, the Community expects a low impact, sustainable festival. We are extremely proud of the natural surrounds of Upper Beaconsfield and have a passion for the environment and sustainability.

This 'Target Zero Waste' Guideline is not exhaustive, however should give the participants an idea on what is acceptable at our festival. All stallholders will receive a check-in phone call after their application is approved regarding their products and will have an opportunity to ask questions.



Table of Approved Materials & Alternatives for commonly used items

Note; Reusable, washable items take priority over single use items.

Item	Guide	Alternative / Notes
Straws, Cutlery, Stirrers	No plastic including compostable plastic – in line with Vic. bans	Silverware (for reuse) Wooden/bamboo cutlery Wheat, Paper straws
Coffee Cups and Lids	No plastic lids Coffee cups should not be lined with plastic	Keep cups, Mug library. Bagasse (sugarcane) lids. Cups without lining.
Plates, serving trays, small condiment dish	No plastic or plastic lined (conventional or compostable)	Crockery (to wash and reuse). Bagasse, Bamboo etc - in line with Victorian bans.
Napkins	Preference for unbleached, sustainably sourced	Napkins make great plates!
Individual sauce, Tomato sauce sachets, Soy Sauce “Fish”	Not allowable	Large 5L sauce dispenser with hand pump, Soy Sauce bottle.
Cling Film (Glad Wrap)	Not allowed	Paper bags
Hot chip buckets	No plastic lined buckets please refer to alternative	Paper chip/wedges bags
Plastic Bags	Plastic bags are not allowed and are banned in Victoria.	Encourage customers to use own bag, or recycled paper bag as last resort.
Ice Cream tubs	No plastic lined tubs. We prefer not to use tubs and use a cone instead, however we understand that some people do not like the cone or have a dietary requirement.	Waffle cone, tubs with no plastic lining (including compostable/bio plastic)
Plastic bottles (Water, soft drink etc)	Water stations provided, encourage to bring own bottles.	Aluminium cans are encouraged at this event (soft drinks, sparkling water, kombucha, and even plain water)
Promotional products	No plastic e.g. Pens, plastic bags, key rings, balloons.	Instead, promote your business through words and action. Business cards, paper flyer if need be.
Balloons	Balloons are not permitted	Soap bubbles, Paper windmills, Paper or cotton bunting.
Glitter	Glitter not permitted (including so-called biodegradable)	Non-toxic Face paint.
Plastic Wristbands etc		A stamp is preferred
Lollies	Individual plastic wrapped lollies are not permitted	Lolly bags or recycled jars
Grease proof and baking paper		Avoid but Can be discussed



----Further reading ----



Coffee Cups

Coffee cups deserve a special mention as they are extremely problematic for us. **1,000,000,000** (one billion) coffee cups are disposed of each year in Australia. They are not recyclable. Most end up in landfills or the environment where they take thousands of years to decompose, contaminating soil and water posing a hazard to all living things.

Firstly, we will strongly encourage festival goers to bring a keep cup (through a lot of social media promotion, local news etc.). We will also, once again, make use of our mug libraries. We are seeking that stalls charge 50 cents more for coffee served in a single use cup, therefore creating a disincentive.

Lids are to be made of bagasse (sugarcane) or similar and cups to not be lined with plastic (conventional or compostable). We are not aligned with any brand but options are becoming increasingly available and we are here to help and to collaborate on this issue;

One example available is less than 9 cents per cup:

<https://www.compostablealternatives.com.au/product/disposable-coffee-cup/>

Waste Hierarchy

Being a zero waste festival we are prioritising “Refuse/Avoid” at the top of the waste hierarchy. We also encourage our festival goers to “Reuse” by using keep cups, water bottles and lunchboxes. If you are unable to avoid packaging and festival goers don't bring their own container, then the packaging should have the ability to degrade/decompose without harm to the planet. We are recycling cardboard and aluminium cans. We are committed to being plastic free.

Single-use plastic is banned from this festival

Many single-use plastic items will be banned in Victoria as of 1st February 2023. Major fines apply. The ban extends to so-called biodegradable and compostable plastic*

<https://www.vic.gov.au/single-use-plastics>

**Plastic is plastic. It doesn't matter if it's made from crude oil, coal, gas or plant oil. It is equally problematic at the end of its life.*

For this reason, the bans coming into place for Victoria include biodegradable / compostable plastic.

A note on recycling

We cannot recycle all our waste and we cannot recycle our way out of the waste problem. Recycling requires a great deal of energy and there are no guarantees that recycling will occur, particularly when machines cannot sort many items that are claimed to be recyclable, and when loads are spoiled by contamination.



Plastic ends up in the environment; it does not 'go away'. It harms species and ecosystems. It pollutes waterways, the ground, the air, food and is harmful to our health and the health of the planet.

Embodied Energy; Ethical manufacture

All products come with an initial costs from the energy used to create and transport the product (embodied energy). Human labour must also be considered, as sustainability also refers to the ongoing ethical treatment of human beings. Please check the origins of your products.

Notes

Please do your own due diligence and check for "hidden plastic" that might be part of your product and packaging. We need YOUR help.

Advice for cake stands

We have moved away from individually placing cakes, muffins, slices etc on a plate and then wrapping in cling film. Instead, a cake stand or cloche etc over the 'naked' products to then be sold in a paper bag or box (no plastic lining). We wish to help community groups with this.

Advice for stalls selling clothes, homewares, bric-a-brac etc

Please keep in the flavour of the festival. Promote goods made from natural products like wood, cotton, wool, bees wax, stone that are going to last a long time.

**Exemptions given for preloved items such as toys and clothes.*

Back of house guide

We understand there is much happening behind the scenes. It is important to note that this is just as important to us as the things that can be seen by festival goers. Leftover food and bulk packaging must be disposed of correctly. We encourage items to be bought in bulk and where possible containers be reused. Leftover food should be given away at the end of the day, or composted. Soft plastic can be sent to Redcycle. **Solar power is preferred over petrol generators.**

Lastly, Thank you!

Please remember we want to work together and we can be contacted anytime to help.

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