



## Get \$750 in rebates for recycling and/or composting at your event!

The City of Austin's Zero Waste Event Rebate provides up to \$750 in rebates to make outdoor events more sustainable and help reduce the amount of trash sent to area landfills.

### In order for your event to qualify, it must meet the following criteria:

- Event must be an outdoor event within the Austin city limits that is open to the public. The event need not be free to the public, but the public must have equal access to purchase tickets and attend the event.
- Event must expect to draw a minimum of 500 attendees/spectators.
- Part 1 Zero Waste Event Rebate Application Form must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to event date.
- Applicant must obtain all necessary permitting from the City of Austin for the event (For more information contact the Austin Center for Events at 512-974-6501, or visit their website [austintexas.gov/department/special-events](http://austintexas.gov/department/special-events)) and must comply with all permit requirements.
- Event must provide, at a minimum, recycling of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard.
- Applicant must provide itemized invoices and/or receipts that include cost of trash, recycling, other diversion services, size of dumpsters and weight in pounds of all services (including trash, recycling, or other diversion services) and staffing services. Failure to provide costs and weights disqualifies the event from the rebate program.
- If the event takes place in the evening or if alcohol will be sold or served, the event must privately contract for paid staff to monitor diversion services.
- Distribution of single-use carryout bags, Styrofoam, or glass containers at park facilities or on public rights of way disqualifies the event from the rebate program.

### The Zero Waste Event Rebate may not exceed \$750.00 per event.

- The rebate amount for an event will be based on the total cost of the waste reduction/diversion services, excluding delivery fees and taxes.
- Rebate recipient must register as a vendor with the City of Austin.

To find the complete rules of eligibility and rebate forms, visit [austintexas.gov/department/event-recycling](http://austintexas.gov/department/event-recycling)

For more information on this program, please contact Iby Setzer at [Iby.Setzer@austintexas.gov](mailto:Iby.Setzer@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-7197.

# Event Recycling Requirements and Tips

Event organizers are responsible for the waste and litter generated during their event. As part of their event permit application, event organizers must show on their site plan where all dumpsters will be placed.

At all City facilities, park grounds and events, the following materials may not be distributed:

- **Glass.** When broken, glass can cause injury.
- **Styrofoam.** Styrofoam easily becomes a serious litter issue and can cause harm to wildlife. Styrofoam also cannot be recycled in the City's recycling program.
- **Single-Use Carryout Bags.** Effective March 1, 2013, single-use carryout bags, such as thin-film plastic bags, may not be distributed at any event in the City. Paper bags with handles or reusable bags are allowed. For more information on the ordinance, visit [bringitaustin.com](http://bringitaustin.com).



## Event Recycling Tips

Vendors are the key to a successful event. ARR encourages event organizers to ensure their vendors only bring items onto the event site that can be easily recycled, and take steps to reduce litter, to support the City's Zero Waste goal.

Recycling tips for planning an event in the City of Austin:

- Keep Austin Beautiful, in partnership with Austin Resource Recovery, provides free recycling containers for use at fundraisers, parties, concerts, races, festivals and other events as part of the ClearStream Container Loaning Program. Visit [www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/recycle](http://www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/recycle) for more information.
- Most events generate the following materials:
  - \* Cardboard
  - \* Plastic bottles (#1 and #2)
  - \* Aluminum Cans
  - \* Paper fliers and documentsAccepted recyclable materials vary by service provider. For more information on materials, contact your contracted service provider.
- Event organizers are discouraged from using items that are difficult to recycle. Encourage your vendors to save money by purchasing bulk products as alternatives to the following:
  - \* Individually packaged condiments, utensils and drinking straws
  - \* Picnic packs, such as a the combined plastic wrapped fork, knife, napkin and pepper/salt
  - \* Plates of any kind. Consider serving foods that do not require a plate.
  - \* Drink boxes like juice boxes and cartons

For more recycling tips or information regarding waste management at events, please contact Iby Setzer at [Iby.Setzer@austintexas.gov](mailto:Iby.Setzer@austintexas.gov) or **512-974-7197**.