



WASTE WISE EVENTS

2018 Guidelines

LOCAL SUPPLIER	CONTACT DETAILS	PRODUCTS
Abel Pakk	71 Lampton Avenue, Derwent Park, TAS Ph: 0409 986 174 www.abelpakk.com.au	Full range of bio-pack packaging and additional products. Catalogue available. www.biopak.com.au
Going Green Solutions	946 Main Rd, Hurstbridge, VIC Ph: (03) 9718 0126 www.goinggreensolutions.com.au	PLA (polylactic acid) catering and packaging ware, sugarcane fibre wares, corn starch cutlery, bamboo tableware. Distributor of Biopak goods.
Tasmanian Hotel & Catering Supplies	321 Liverpool St, Hobart TAS 7000 Ph: (03) 6231 2055 www.tashotel.com.au	Biodegradable/compostable catering and packaging ware (sugarcane fibre, bamboo, bio wood) www.tashotel.com.au/packaging/biodegradable-plates-cutlery-platters.html?p=1
Veolia	95 Kennedy Drive, Cambridge TAS Ph: (03) 6244 0000 www.veolia.com.au	Recycling and Compost Bins hire, includes drop off of bins and collection of waste.
Ridge Packaging	3/95 Albert Road, Moonah, TAS Ph: (03) 6278 2234 Mobile: 0438 291 237	Eco Banana Leaf Plate and Bowl, fish & chip paper, wooden cutlery, cardboard containers.

Sample Bin Signs



Why be Waste Wise?

Waste minimisation and environmental considerations are an integral part of every event. Kingborough Council has developed a Waste Wise Policy for Council run and Council supported events and all public events held on Council owned property or public open space.

Most events generate waste, much of which could be avoided or recycled to conserve resources. Waste is a costly issue both financially and environmentally. If we can avoid creating waste, then we also avoid having to dispose of waste to landfill or paying the cost of sorting waste for recycling.

Plastics do not breakdown, particles become smaller and smaller and are absorbed by wildlife. When they are buried in landfill, toxins from plastics enter our waterways. Toxic waste (found in plastics and polystyrenes) can impact human health.

Biodegradable plastics are also problematic, and do not break down. Instead, biodegradable plastic has an additive that makes it break apart faster into smaller and smaller pieces, eventually becoming micro plastic. Biodegradable plastic cannot be recycled.

Many events now stipulate that waste is not acceptable unless it is compostable or recyclable. The aim of this guide is to provide event organisers and Council staff with practical solutions to manage and reduce waste at community events.

What is a Waste Wise event?

The key aspects of a Waste Wise event include:

- Event organisers are committed to responsible waste management and purposefully plan to avoid and minimise waste;
- Event attendees are encouraged to reduce their waste through the provision of information, infrastructure and facilities;
- Event vendors/suppliers use reusable, recyclable (glass or aluminium) or compostable packaging and serving ware (cardboard, paper, certified compostable plastics);
- There is an emphasis on the use of re-usable, recyclable, biodegradable or compostable products;
- All plastic packaging and plastic materials used must be certified as compostable and made from 100% renewable resources;
- There is good signage and placement of bins to enable discarded materials to be separated and recycled, composted or disposed of responsibly.



For more information on Waste Wise events, please contact Melissa Staples, Community Development Officer, Kingborough Council on 6211 8228 or mstaples@kingborough.tas.gov.au



How to be Waste Wise

Reduction/Avoidance:

- Appropriate steps to avoid waste should be taken whenever possible. For example, packaging which is not essential to the use, distribution, retail sale, storage or safety of your products must be avoided.
- There are to be no plastic bags, balloons, straws, polystyrene cups, plastic takeaway food containers, sachets and plastic cutlery used at any Council run or Council supported event.
- Packaging or utensils that are essential must be constructed from 100% renewable resources such as cardboard, paper, or certified compostable plastic containers and cutlery.
- Consider offering discounts to people who bring their own container/cup/utensils or charging a small fee to cover the cost of disposable compostable containers and cutlery. Consider offering reusable items where possible like cups, plates and cutlery which can be borrowed (perhaps for a deposit) and returned to be washed and reused.
- Use event advertising to remind people to bring their own bags, drink bottles, cups, plates and cutlery to the event.
- Provide a water dispenser or water refilling station to minimise purchase of bottled water.
- Divert food scraps from landfill. Hire a composting bin from a waste management provider (e.g. Veolia) and collect food scraps, paper, cardboard and compostable plastic packaging from stall holders to be composted at a commercial composting facility (Hobart City Council currently offers this service).
- Where health and other regulations permit, and where practicable, packaging should be designed for re-use. For example:
 - to be re-filled with the same product e.g. water stations;
 - to be returned and re-used e.g. washable crockery and cutlery; or
 - to be re-used by patrons for the same or a similar purpose where possible e.g. use of sauce bottles rather than single serve sauce containers.

Recycling

- Ensure you use only compostable plastic materials.
- For other packaging materials, such as glass and aluminium, take all steps possible to ensure that these materials are collected for recycling and do not end up in landfill:
 - Provide highly visible, clearly labelled landfill, food organics and recycling bins: aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and paper recycling is usually collected via yellow, 240L recycling bins, with labelled lids.
 - Consider a waste-sorting station to collect bins and sort waste at the event. This process can divert food waste and compostable packaging from landfill, and ensure that all recyclable materials get recycled.
- Food organics (food scraps), paper and compostable containers can be disposed of using the green 240L Green organics bin, with labelled lid. These bins can be sourced from Veolia and taken to the Hobart City Council commercial composting facility.

Responsible Disposal

- Empty bins before they are full.
- Arrange bins consistently throughout the site with a recycling and compost bin associated with each waste bin.
- Locate bins near to where food and beverages will be consumed, at entry/exit points, close to toilets and at the intersection of pathways.
- Make bins as visible as possible.
- Use bin monitors to encourage appropriate bin use.
- Donate re-useable items to charity.

Calculating how many bins are required

There are a number of variables for calculating needs for bins (such as catering, formality of event, number of guests, waste strategies, etc.); however, a general rule is to expect a minimum of one litre of waste per person per meal. As an example 1,000 people x 2 meal times = 2,000 litres of estimated waste.



Waste Wise Education

- Inform the community that your event is Waste Wise via social media posts and media releases prior to the event. Remind people to bring their own reusable bags, drink bottles, cups, plates and cutlery to the event.
- Public announcements relating to the re-use, recycling and disposal facilities at the event are recommended at hourly intervals (where a public address system is available). Signage should be placed prominently to inform patrons of the correct usage of recycling, organic and waste facilities. It is important that the signage displayed corresponds with the service that is being offered. Refer to sample signage in this document and the Kingborough Council Recycling Guide.
- The use of bin monitors or a waste sorting station is recommended to assist in educating event attendees as to how to use the bin system in place, and to ensure minimal contamination.

Non-essential disposable plastics and packaging

All Polystyrene including clamshells, plates, bowls & cups

Aluminium foil trays/plates

Pre wrapped or plastic straws

Plastic stirrers or spoons for hot drinks

Polystyrene boxes

Plastic bags

Individual sauce, sugar, salt and pepper sachets

Coffee Cup Lids

Balloons

Re-useable items. Where plastic packaging is essential, it must be constructed from 100% renewable resources and must be certified as compostable.

Encourage customers to bring their own serving ware, coffee cups and containers. Use cardboard clams, plates, bowls, cups, paper bags. Offer on a serviette.

Re-useable/washable trays. Cardboard trays.

No straws. Use compostable or paper straws.

Provide re-washable spoons for use at stall.

Ask suppliers for cardboard boxes.

Ask customers to bring own bag or supply paper bag.

Provide bulk shakers or dispensers.

Provide only on request. Offer a discount to customers who bring their own coffee cups.

Reusable Bunting or Pinwheels; Tissue Paper Pom Poms; Painted Rocks; Bubbles.

AVOID

ALTERNATIVES

PACKAGING ALTERNATIVES

NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC	COMPOSTABLE ALTERNATIVE
Plastic plate or takeaway container	Paper or sugarcane plate; palm leaf plate; paper noodle box; cardboard food tray; cornstarch container.
Polystyrene / plastic cup	Paper cup (cold drinks); sugarcane cup (for cold and hot drinks).
Plastic cutlery	Wooden, bamboo or cornstarch cutlery.
Aluminium food bags	Cardboard tray or paper bag.
Cling Wrap	Cellophane wrap (made from cellulose).
Plastic Bags	Cornstarch and paper bags.