

Culture Galore

Composting Food Packaging at Events (CFPE) Initiative – Food Vendor Info

Composting Food Packaging at Events (CFPE) is a Christchurch City Council (CCC) led initiative where waste is diverted away from landfill into more sustainable streams.

As you are a food vendor at Culture Galore you play a crucial part in the success of the initiative at this event. Please read and take note of the following pieces of information so you can play your part in making the initiative a success:

What is CFPE?

CFPE is a complete waste sorting system which has been created specifically to reduce waste going to landfill from Christchurch events. The key parts to the system are:

- Food vendors and exhibitors only use a set of approved compostable food packaging which, along with the food waste, gets composted;
- Bin Ambassadors stand near the bins advising and educating the public on which bin to use.
- All waste is hand sorted into individual streams by members of the waste team in the event waste yard.

This system not only allows us to send a lot of the event waste to be made into organic compost but also gives us the opportunity to clean up the recycling stream which was previously ending up in landfill due to high contamination rates. All the food waste and compostable food packaging gets sent to Living Earth (where your household green bin goes in ChCh) and all recycling goes to EcoSort (where your household yellow bin goes in ChCh). So far the initiative has been hugely successful diverting over 100 tonnes from landfill, which is 75% of all waste generated by 40+ events.

What you need to do

For you to play your part in making CFPE successful at Culture Galore it's easy, just follow these simple rules:

- Attend one of the compulsory 60 minute training sessions on:
Thursday 12 December. 6.00 - 7.00pm. Fendalton Library and Service Centre - 4 Jeffreys Rd Fendalton or
Wednesday 22 January. 10.00 - 11.00am. Riccarton Service Centre - 199 Clarence St, Riccarton.
- Sign the Terms and Conditions to secure your spot at the event.
- Only use the approved products in the attached manual.
- Have these products as well as receipts and/or boxes out ready for the audit on the day.
- Deliver all empty bottles, preferably in boxes, to the designated 'Drop Zone' in waste yard (do not put into the skips yourself unless directed to by a member of the waste team);
- Break up excess cardboard and deliver to the designated 'Drop Zone' in the waste yard;
- Dispose of any other waste in the correct wheelie bin front of house or if it is a large quantity please bring to the designated 'Drop Zone' in the waste yard for the waste team to sort.

If you have any questions about this then please contact me.

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On behalf CCC, thanks in advance for your support of the CFPE initiative.