

Waste Minimisation at Festival of Cultures 2018 A Helpful Guide to Stall Holders

The Palmerston North City Council [waste management and minimisation bylaw](#) came into effect in October 2016. The information below aims to provide answers to frequently asked questions to make compliance for stall holders at Festival of Cultures straight forward.

What you need to know as a stall holder:

Q. Do I need to be serving my food in compostable packaging?

Yes, all Stall holders need to be serving all food in compostable packaging, this includes utensils and napkins.

Q. Where can I purchase compostable packaging from?

Compostable products are available via a number of suppliers, in the first instance contact your existing supplier and see if they sell compostable packaging.

Q. Is there a standard that the packaging must meet?

The international composting standards that we would be looking for 'compostable' products to meet are EN13432, ISO17088 or AS4736.

Q. My current supplier does not stock compostable packaging, what should I do?

We have provided a list of a few suppliers who may be able to help you below. You could also try speaking with other stall holders about their suppliers, as some stalls already use compostable packaging.

Q. What if other stalls are not using compostable packaging?

We will be monitoring compliance to the bylaw during the 2018 event. If you are not using compostable packaging you may not be able to open and trade.

Q. How do I know that all the waste doesn't just end up at landfill?

Waste stations will be setup at the event to keep different types of waste separate. Each station has bins specifically for compostable packaging and food waste. The material collected will then be taken to the Awapuni resource recovery park and processed into compost.

Q. Can I help tell people where to dispose of their compostable waste?

All compostable packaging and leftover food can be disposed of in the green lidded bins.

Waste stations at the event will be easily accessible for the public and will look similar to the setup below



Some suppliers who may be able to help you:

Ecoware www.ecoware.co.nz

Friendlypak www.vegware.co.nz

Innocent Packaging

innocentpackaging.co.nz

If you still have a question with regards to waste minimisation or compostable packaging please contact the events team via email PNevents@pncc.govt.nz

