

# SUSTAINABILITY & PACKAGING GUIDE

FOOD VENDORS  
& HOSPITALITY



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**ENSURE YOU READ THROUGH THIS SHORT GUIDE TO UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A TRADE EXHIBITOR. FAILURE TO OPERATE WITHIN THE REQUIRED SUSTAINABILITY GUIDE MAY RESULT IN FUTURE APPLICATIONS BEING DECLINED.**

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR SPECIAL PLACE.**

The nature of hosting a major event is that a large amount of waste is generated. The Wānaka A&P Show have enlisted the help of Wānaka Wastebusters to lighten our impact and we need the support of our vendors, public and team to do this.

**REDUCE ○ REUSE ○ RECYCLE**



# REDUCE

## HOW YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR WASTE?

### LANDFILL IS MEASURED BY WEIGHT – THE BEST OPTION FOR FOOD VENDORS IS TO FOCUS ON A MINIMAL APPROACH.

Where possible we ask that you source all of your items made from recycled materials to reduce the emissions and resources required to create new products (ie recycled paper napkins, rpet products etc)

FOOD ITEM	SUGGESTED PACKAGING
Hot chips Hot dogs Sandwiches Burgers Bao buns Spring rolls Sushi etc	Recycled unbleached napkin Recycled unbleached paper bag Recycled single sided food tray (PET or Cardboard)
Pizza	Recycled single sided kraft pizza board
Nachos Curry Noodles	Recycled Kraft Tray (No Lid)
Coffee Cups Ice Cream Pots	Recycled Coffee Cup Recycled Lid
Water/Beer/Juice (Clear liquids)* Wine/Beer/Spirit tastings	Recycled PET (RPET) cup PET cup

***Please do not use clear biocup/compostable cups or trays as these get mixed into recycling and cannot be recycled or composted locally.***



# REUSE

## HOW YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR WASTE?

**WHILST THERE ARE NO ONSITE FACILITIES TO DISHWASH, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK ABOUT HOW YOU CAN CELEBRATE CUSTOMERS WHO ARE KEEN TO REUSE AND MINIMISE THEIR WASTE AT THE EVENT**

- Offer a reward for bringing a reusable cup or a lunch container - a small discount goes a long way (let us know if you want a promotional poster to support "BYO cups")
- Request some loaned reusable cups from our team (coffee vendors only - please email in advance)
- Encourage customers to borrow a cup from our "mug trees" located at selected food service areas
- Point out the water refill stations to your customers to refill their drink bottles



# RECYCLE

## BACK OF HOUSE RECYCLING AND FOOD WASTE

**WASTE GENERATED FROM ALL EXHIBITORS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR AND MUST BE COLLECTED BY WANAKA WASTEBUSTERS, PLEASE CONTACT THEM TO BOOK THIS WASTE COLLECTION. NO BINS ARE PROVIDED EXCEPT FOR FOOD SCRAPS.**

Please keep all waste areas in a back of house location to avoid contamination of bins and keep each waste stream separated. For all food preparation packaging, hospitality serve ware, barbeques, drinks etc ensure your waste is sorted and cleaned if dirty, into the following streams:

- [Plastic bottles 1,2,5, RPET 1 \(No Biocup products\)](#)
- [Aluminium and steel cans](#)
- [Glass bottles \(from decanted drinks\) and jars](#)
- [Cardboard and paper](#)
- [Food Scraps](#)

## FOOD SCRAPS



**FOOD VENDORS AND THOSE OFFERING HOSPITALITY ARE REQUIRED TO DIVERT ALL FOOD SCRAPS THROUGH THE DEDICATED COLLECTION BINS.**

Food waste collected from the show will be taken to Cardrona Alpine Resort who will compost at their on site facility which is then used in native tree planting on the mountain.

Food vendors and those offering hospitality will be provided with the following food scrap bins:

**FOOD/COFFEE VENDOR**  
1 x 20L food scrap bin

**SMALL HOSPITALITY**  
1 x 20L food scrap bin

**LARGE HOSPITALITY**  
3 x 20L food scrap bin

All food scrap bins will be emptied on Friday evening. If you are expecting to need more than this please let us know as soon as possible.





# THE COMPLEXITY OF COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING

## WHY WE ARE PRIORITISING QUALITY RECYCLING

**WE AIM TO COMPOST ALL FOOD SCRAPS COLLECTED AT THE WĀNAKA A&P SHOW, HOWEVER, WE CAN NOT ACCEPT ANY COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING IN THIS SYSTEM AS THERE IS NO LOCAL FACILITY WILLING TO TAKE THEM.**

We recommend that you choose recyclable packaging and/or packaging made from recycled content instead of compostable packaging. If you bring compostable packaging it has to go in the rubbish.

The best single-use option we currently have is packaging made from recycled materials for food items, and RPET for drink cups. Our recycling solutions experts, Wastebusters, has worked with their PET reprocessor to enable the collection and recycling of RPET cups from the Show.

We have decided after lengthy research and consultation that compostable packaging can't go into the food collection system because:

- Even packaging that is certified as home compostable may contain some level of PFAS, a group of synthetic chemicals causing issues in soil, water, produce and sewerage.
- Compostable packaging is often confused as recyclable and contaminates the recycling stream.
- As of 2024, no commercial facility is accepting this compostable packaging due to concerns about soil health. Commercial composting facilities, which can reach temperatures of 55 degrees or higher, were the only way to break down these items in the past.

You can review more information on the Ministry for Environments stance on compostable packaging [here](#).



### QUALITY RECYCLING WITH WASTEBUSTERS

Wānaka A&P Show is fortunate to have Wānaka Wastebusters as our waste provider. Wastebusters is an impact driven organisation with real recycling innovation. All their recycling is hand sorted with care to meet their reproducers' high quality standards, maximising the materials recovered from the Show and ensuring it can be made back into new products.

# SUPPLIER INFORMATION

**FOR ALL FOOD AND DRINK PACKAGING ORDERS WE HIGHLY RECCOMEND CONTACTING OUR LOCAL SUPPLIER CENTRAL WHOLESALE.**

Central Wholesale are independantly owned and have full understanding of the shows recycling and waste parameters.

**All orders for the Wānaka A&P Show are eligible for a discounted rate and will offer free delivery to your show site.**

## **Central Wholesale**

[www.centralwholesale.co.nz](http://www.centralwholesale.co.nz)

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☎ 03 443 5439

If you have a preferred supplier and need to ask any questions linked to your packaging please don't hesitate to reach out.

## **Wastebusters**

*To book exhibitor waste and recycling collection - no waste to be left on exhibitor sites post event.*

✉ [bis@wastebusters.co.nz](mailto:bis@wastebusters.co.nz) / [recycle@wastebusters.co.nz](mailto:recycle@wastebusters.co.nz)

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