

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 130 tonnes from landfill, which is over 75% of all waste generated by 40+ events. At Culture Galore in 2020 we successfully diverted 79% of the event waste away from landfill, which for a first time event was a huge success.

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:

- If you have not previously attended one of the compulsory 60 minute training sessions (or would like to attend again as a refresher), you will be required to attend on:
Thursday 21 January 2021. 6.00 - 7.00pm. Fendalton Library and Service Centre - 4 Jeffreys Rd Fendalton
- Sign the Terms and Conditions in the online registration form 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.