



National ZERO-WASTE Night Out!

Keep your community safe,
Keep your community clean

Why Think About WASTE?

The average person in the Twin Cities generates seven pounds of waste each day. That's enough to fill the Xcel Center 11 times each year! More than half could have been recycled or composted!

Reducing waste at your National Night Out can help divert material from landfills and burners, saving water, energy, and reducing air pollution. Use these tips to plan a National Night Out that is safe and clean for everyone!

You Can Divert Waste!

Single-Stream Recycling:

Use your single-stream blue bin(s) to collect recyclables at your event.



✓ Recyclable:

- Plastic bottles and containers #1, 2, 4, 5, or 7
- Glass bottles & jars
- Aluminum cans and clean foil
- All clean paper
- Cardboard boxes
- Cartons

✗ NOT recyclable:

- Plastic bags
- Food soiled paper
- Food Scraps
- Plastic silverware
- Styrofoam™
- Plastic wrap and dirty aluminum foil
- SHARPS: syringes and needles

Extra Recycling drop-off

309 Como Ave
Sort material into paper products, plastics, bottles and cans, and clothes and linens.

For more information on how to recycle, go to:
www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/recycle

Organics Recycling:



Collect food scraps, food-soiled paper, and compostable products at your event and take them to an organics drop-off site to be collected for composting.

Make sure your bags are certified compostable!

Organics must be bagged in standard paper bags or certified compostable bags.

Bags labeled as biodegradable, oxo-degradable, earth friendly, or recyclable are not accepted.



COMPOSTABLE
IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

Look for this logo to be sure your bags are certified compostable!

Organics drop-offs are located at:

Frank & Sims
1150 Sims Ave

Battle Creek
389 S. Winthrop St

Midway
1943 Pierce Butler Rte

Macalester-Groveland
Info on free membership

Summit Hill
870 Pleasant Ave

www.macgrove.org/organics



10 easy steps toward

Zero-Waste

Getting Started

Planning for success:

1. As you advertise your NNO event, be sure to highlight your zero-waste goals and ask your neighbors to help meet them. Also, encourage them to RSVP early or share what they plan to bring so you can plan for the right amount of food.

2. Evaluate all the items you will need for your event and eliminate as many disposable materials as possible. Buy food in recyclable packaging and serve it on reusable, recyclable or compostable dishware.



3. Avoid Styrofoam™ - it's not recyclable or compostable! Look for paper plates and cups that don't have a plastic lining (colorful designs indicate a plastic layer). Plates and cups without a plastic lining can be composted.



4. Invite your neighbors to bring their own reusable plates, cups, bottles and silverware. Make finger foods that don't require utensils, and tell everyone to bring their own containers to take leftovers home.



5. Choose decorations and display materials that can be reused or recycled.



Useful Websites:

Saint Paul Recycling: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/recycle

Rethink Recycling: www.rethinkrecycling.com/event-planning

Free Signs: lesstrash.com/free-resources/labels

During the Event

A Zero-Waste Night Out:

6. Always place recycling, organics recycling and trash receptacles together to form a waste station. This makes disposal more convenient and will reduce contamination.



If you have a large event, ask volunteers to stand by sorting stations to help attendees recycle correctly.

7. Use consistent signage to clearly mark all recycling and organics recycling containers so they are easily recognizable.



For free signs, go to:

lesstrash.com/free-resources/labels

8. Only use chalk to decorate streets and pavement. Using paint is illegal.



Wrapping Up

Ending on a High Note:

9. Weigh or estimate the volume of your organics, recycling and trash to calculate your diversion rate! Share your success with neighbors and make notes on how you can improve next year.



10. Set your blue bin(s) out on your recycling collection day or use the drop-off site. Take any organic material to a drop-off site. Drop-off sites are listed on the other side.

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Reduce Recycle Compost

