Green Event Certification portion of event registration form: <u>https://humboldt.presence.io/form/event-registration</u>



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Do you want your event to be sustainability-focused? Get your event Green Certified! It's easy to do, you will get support along the way and you will receive a certificate, a Green Event logo to put on your flyers, and a Green Event table runner for tabling!

Learn more here

Do you want to get your event Green Certified?

Yes, please: let's make this event "Green Certified"!

No, thanks, maybe next time.

I need more information

By selecting "Yes" or "Need more information", you will be contacted by WRRAP

What type of dishware will you use? *

Reusable Dishware

Locally Compostable or Recyclable Dishware

State Law

- · Per State law, any single-use food packaging must be locally compostable or recyclable.
- If your event will be attended by 2,000 or more people with food served, State law requires that any leftover edible food be donated to a food recovery
 organization. The Oh Snap! food pantry on campus and Food For People are two food recovery organizations that accept edible food donations.

State Law Acknowledgement *

I verify that I have read the above statements and this event will be fully compliant as mandated by California State Law.

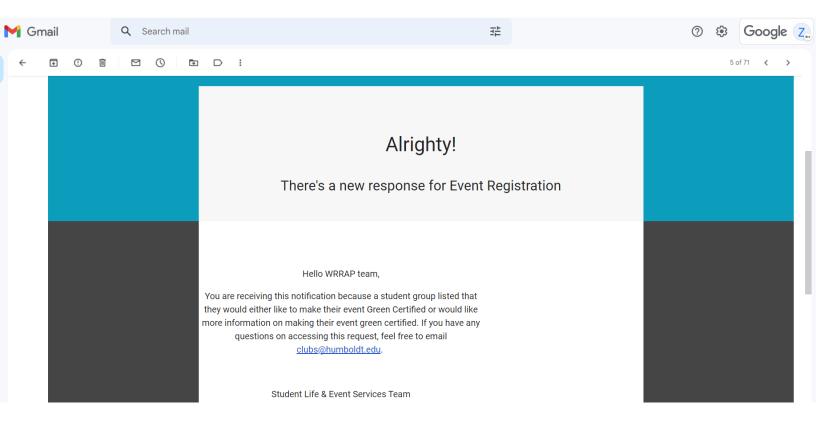
Did you know that you can donate leftover food/beverages from your event to OhSnap! to assist students experiencing food insecurity and help lessen food waste?

Learn more about Cal Poly Humboldt's Student Food Programs at Oh Snap! http://hsuohsnap.org/ Would you like to donate leftover food from the event? *

Yes, please connect me with Oh Snap!

🔘 No

Once the organizer submits the event registration form, an email is sent to <u>zerowaste@Humboldt.edu</u>, notifying us to reach out to the organizer about the Green Event Certification:



If the organizer requests leftover food be donated to the campus food pantry (OhSnap!), the food pantry will be notified.

Event organizers then receive and review the Zero Waste Event Certification Checklist

(https://facilitymgmt.humboldt.edu/sites/default/files/zw_event_checkl ist 1_0.pdf), along with consultation as requested:

Zero Waste Event Certification Checklist

HSU is committed to zero waste, a strategy that takes a 'whole systems' approach to eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and to conserve resources. Zero waste encourages source reduction, materials reuse, composting and recycling.

Thank you for your commitment to HSU's zero waste goal!

Before the Event:

- Make sure all promotional or advertising materials and decorations such as giveaways, banners, display materials and fliers are reusable, recyclable or compostable.
 - TIP #1: Check out the <u>Reusable Office Supply Exchange</u> (R.O.S.E) on campus to find or donate reusable materials for decorations, advertisements, etc.
 - Tip #2: Utilize online advertising, evites, websites and other outreach programs that minimize or eliminate printed, disposable materials.
- Add the <u>Certified Zero Waste Event logo</u> to your promotional materials.
- Confirm that any food and drink will be served with reusable dining ware and cutlery, including napkins and tablecloths. If this is not possible, all dishware, cups and utensils <u>must</u> be *locally*_compostable or recyclable.
 - · Tip #3: Insert reusable, composting and recycling requirements into the caterer agreement
 - Tip #4: Encourage eventgoers to bring their own cups, plates and utensils
 - Tip #5: Do not insert single use cutlery into every grab-n-go container, because oftentimes the cutler goes unused. Instead, let people take only what they need.
- Request food be served buffet style over individually boxed meals.
- Ensure that water, along with other beverages, is served from reusable dispensers/urns into reusable or locally compostable cups. Learn more about the university's phase out of bottled water <u>here</u>.
- Sugar, honey, creamer and all condiments will be served in dispensers, not individual packets.
- Request that all food be provided in variable portion sizes (ex., half sandwiches, half bagels, or mini muffins). This will reduce food waste.
- Do not waste edible leftover food! Before the event make sure caterer will take away any leftover food, or coordinate with the <u>Oh Snap! food pantry</u> on campus to donate leftover food.
- Review Facilities Management's Events Support guidelines. Additional compost and recycling bins can be delivered to your event and then removed post-event.
- On your promotional or advertising materials, announce that this is a Certified Zero Waste Event. Download the <u>Certified Zero Waste Event logo</u> for insertion into your promotional materials.

During the Event:

- □ Ensure that compost, recycling and landfill bins are lined up together and are accessible.
 - Tip #6: Remove any standalone landfill/garbage bins, so that eventgoers will be more inclined to
 recycle/compost
 - Tip #7: If there will only be recycling and compost from the event, remove <u>all</u> landfill/garbage bins from the event space
- Consider having staff or volunteers assist eventgoers as they properly sort their materials into the appropriate bin.
 - Tip #8: Contact the <u>Waste Reduction & Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP</u>) to request student volunteers to help sort materials at the event.

After the Event: Check to make sure leftover food is donated or returned to caterer.
Track your impact and share your success with your colleagues and event goers.
□ Make zero waste a part of every future event!
Acceptable Compostable and Recyclable Dining Ware:
Compostable and Recyclable dining ware are only acceptable when reusable materials are not an option.
Compost used pizza boxes, they cannot be recycled after the oils from the pizza sink into the box.
Compost all fiber-based (e.g., paper, wood, bamboo) food containers, cutlery and napkins.
Aluminum foil (clean and balled up), aluminum cans, clean aluminum trays, and glass are acceptable for recycling.
Polystyrene (Styrofoam), single-use plastic bags and straws, "compostable" plastics (a.k.a. bio- plastics) and single use water bottles are NOT permitted at HSU Zero Waste Events.
Review the <u>Recycling Guide</u> , <u>Compost Guide</u> and <u>Landfill Guide</u> for more information.
CERTIFIED ZERO WASTE EVENT
I have read and agree to the requirements stated above, and will proudly follow these guidelines to make my event Zero Waste Certified. My signature below indicates commitment to HSU's goal to be a zero waste campus.
Name: Title:
Email: Signature:
Event Title: Date of Event:
Please complete, sign, and email to <u>zerowaste@humboldt.edu</u>
Questions? Sustainability Office (707)-826-5899 https://facilitymgmt.humboldt.edu/sustainability-waste-diversion-Q

After signing and returning the checklist, the organizer can use the Certified Zero Waste Even logo for their fliers and invitations:

