



Get \$750 in rebates for recycling and/or composting at your event!

The City of Austin's Event Recycling Rebate provides up to \$750 in rebates to make outdoor events more sustainable and help reduce the amount of trash sent to area landfills.

In order for your event to qualify, it must meet the following criteria:

- Event must be an outdoor event within the Austin city limits that is open to the public. The event need not be free to the public, but the public must have equal access to purchase tickets and attend the event.
- Event date must be between 2 months and 12 months from the date of submittal of **Part 1: Event Recycling Rebate Eligibility Form**.
- Event must expect to draw a minimum of 500 attendees/spectators.
- Applicant must obtain all necessary permitting from the City of Austin for the event. (e.g. Parks and Recreation Department, Office of Special Events, Austin Police Department), and must comply with all permit requirements.
- Event must provide, at a minimum, recycling of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard.
- Waste hauler must provide a copy of all recycling, trash and compost (if applicable) weight manifests/tickets for your event. This must include size of dumpsters and weight in pounds of all recycling, trash and compost. Failure to provide weights disqualifies the event from the rebate program.
- If the event takes place in the evening, or if alcohol will be sold or served, the event must privately contract for paid staff for all waste management needs.
- Distribution of single-use carryout bags, Styrofoam containers, or glass containers at park facilities or on public rights of way disqualifies the event from the rebate program.

The Event Recycling Rebate may not exceed \$750.00 per event.

- The rebate amount for an event will be based on the total cost of the waste reduction/diversion services, excluding delivery fees and taxes.
- Rebate recipient must register as a vendor with the City of Austin.

To find the complete rules of eligibility and rebate forms, visit austintexas.gov/department/event-recycling

For more information on this program, please contact Sylba Loren Everett at sylba.loren@austintexas.gov or **512-974-9008**.

Event Recycling Requirements and Tips

Events are responsible for the waste and litter generated during their event. As part of their event permit application, event organizers must show on their site plan where all dumpsters will be placed.

At all City facilities, park grounds and events, the following materials may not be distributed:

- **Glass.** When broken, glass can cause injury.
- **Styrofoam.** Styrofoam easily becomes a serious litter issue and can cause harm to wildlife. Styrofoam also cannot be recycled in the City's recycling program.
- **Single-Use Carryout Bags.** Effective March 1, 2013, single-use carryout bags, such as thin-film plastic bags, may not be distributed at any event in the City. Paper bags with handles or reusable bags are allowed. For more information on the ordinance, visit austintexas.gov/bags.



Event Recycling Tips

Vendors are the key to a successful event. ARR encourages event organizers ensure their vendors to only bring items onto the event site that can be easily recycled, reduce litter, and support the City's Zero Waste goal.

Here are a few recycling things to think about when planning an event in the City of Austin.

- Keep Austin Beautiful, in partnership with Austin Resource Recovery, provides free recycling containers for use at fundraisers, parties, concerts, races, festivals and other events as part of the ClearStream Container Loaning Program. Visit www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/recycle for more information.
- Most events generate the following materials:
 - * Cardboard
 - * Plastic bottles (#1 and #2)
 - * Aluminum Cans
 - * Paper fliers and documentsAccepted recyclable materials vary by service provider. For more information on materials, contact your contracted service provider.
- Events are discouraged from using items that are difficult to recycle. Encourage your vendors to save money by purchasing bulk products as alternatives to the following:
 - * Individually packaged condiments, utensils and drinking straws
 - * Picnic packs, such as a the combined plastic wrapped fork, knife, napkin and pepper/salt
 - * Plates of any kind. Consider serving foods that do not require a plate
 - * Drink boxes like juice boxes and cartons

For more recycling tips or information regarding waste management at events, please contact Annette Moreno at annette.moreno@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2801.