



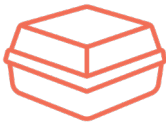
Food Vendors AT EVENTS

Requirements of ALL events

- ◆ No polystyrene foam products
- ◆ No balloons in outdoor areas
- ◆ No confetti in outdoor areas

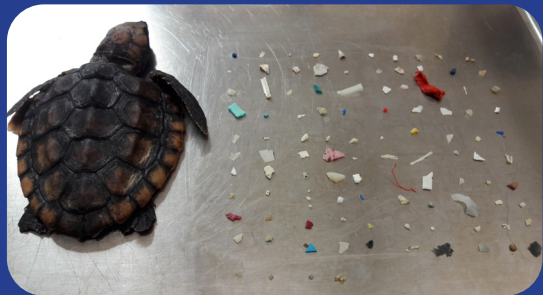
Additional sustainable actions

- ◆ Provide vegetarian and vegan options.
- ◆ Use local and seasonal produce.
- ◆ Use fair trade certified tea/coffee/chocolate products.
- ◆ Allow customers to use their own reusable items.
- ◆ Offer cutlery, straws, and napkins only by request.
- ◆ Offer condiments in bulk.
- ◆ Operate generators that either do not emit excessive visible smoke or operate with alternative fuel (e.g. propane, compressed natural gas, solar).
- ◆ Work with event organizer to ensure that proper trash and recycling receptacles are located near food vendors.
- ◆ Minimize the use of single-use plastics (cups, plates, cutlery, bottles, straws) by utilizing alternatives made of biodegradable, or post-consumer recycled materials.
- ◆ Work with event organizers to donate any eligible remaining food to a designated food bank or shelter.
- ◆ When possible, replace beverages in plastic bottles with cans.



Did You Know?

The majority of sea turtles treated at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center are impacted by plastic in some way. All of the deceased young turtles examined at GLNC had consumed microplastics. **This baby turtle had 135 pieces of plastic in it's system.**



Exhibitors AT EVENTS

Requirements of ALL events

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- ◆ No balloons in outdoor areas
- ◆ No confetti in outdoor areas

Additional sustainable actions

- ◆ Reduce give-away promotional items.
- ◆ Construct and decorate booths with reusable or recyclable materials.
- ◆ Reduce paper by replacing paper fliers with QR codes and other paperless messaging.
- ◆ When settings up and breaking down, do not idle vehicles.





Resources FOR SUCCESS



**Does your restaurant reduce plastic waste?
Does your menu include vegetarian options?**

The City wants to recognize you for your efforts. The Coastal Connection Restaurant Program highlights restaurants and eateries in the City that take part in keeping the City beautiful and protecting our environment.

Learn more and Apply Online
www.myboca.us/CoastalConnection

Participating Restaurants:
Mary's Kitchen at Lynn University
Just Salad
Gary Rack's Farmhouse Kitchen
Mane Coffee



Recycling Resources

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

- ◆ Learn how to become a recycle right event. www.swa.org/489/Recycle-Right-Events
- ◆ Learn what to recycle. www.swa.org/149/Recycling
- ◆ For any items not accepted by SWA, check the recycling directory at www.Earth911.com



Plastic Use Reduction

- ◆ The Clean Water Fund's ReThink Disposable Program www.rethinkdisposable.org
- ◆ The Product Stewardship Institute's *3 Steps to Reduce Plastic and Benefit your Business* www.productstewardship.us



Balloon & Confetti Alternatives

- ◆ Visit the City's **Pinterest boards** for inspiration. www.pinterest.com/citybocaraton
- ◆ PADI (Professional Assoc. of Diving Instructors) alternatives <https://blog.padi.com/eco-friendly-alternatives-to-balloon-releases-and-sky-lanterns/>
- ◆ Joyful Send-off Campaign www.joyfulsendoff.org/about

Sustainable Community Actions

- ◆ Contact Community Greening for tree planting volunteer opportunities. www.communitygreening.org
- ◆ Contact Gumbo Limbo Nature Center for beach cleanup opportunities. www.gumbolimbo.org
- ◆ Contact the Office of Sustainability for other opportunities. www.myboca.us/sustainability



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