



## Charleston County's Annual Earth Day Festival Green Policy

### Earth Day Festival Mission

Our mission is to educate Lowcountry residents about environmental issues in a celebratory atmosphere. The festival is a hands-on, science-based, interactive experience designed to encourage participants of all ages to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues.

### Resource Recovery Stations

Resource Recovery Stations (RRS) will be located throughout the festival and are to be used for collecting: food waste and compostable serveware, recyclables (plastic, glass, paper, etc.) and garbage. All items must be disposed in the appropriate containers. Trash cans will not be provided for each booth. Please familiarize yourself with the location of the closest RRS to your booth and dispose of items accordingly:

#### ➤ **Compostables**

All pre-consumer and post-consumer food waste and serveware must be placed in the designated compostable bins. Organic waste generated during the event will be composted at the County's Bees Ferry Compost Facility. **Food vendors are required to provide compostable serveware, including but not limited to: plates, napkins, forks, knives, spoons, straws, and coffee stirrers. No Styrofoam products.**

Check out these resources for compostable serveware:

- [Biodegradable Products Institute](#)
- [B Green Today](#)
- [Cedar Grove](#)
- [Eco Products](#)
- [Food Waste Disposal](#) (local distributor of Eco Products)

#### ➤ **Recyclables**

Plastic bottles & containers, glass bottles & jars, aluminum & steel cans, and all paper items (paper, cardboard, catalogs, newspapers, etc.) must be recycled.

#### ➤ **Garbage**

Examples: Diapers, Styrofoam, plastic wrap, animal waste and plastic bags.

We encourage exhibitors and vendors to consider the types of materials you are planning to bring to the festival. Most materials and supplies have a green alternative. If you need more information on alternative products or supplies, please contact Charleston County Environmental Management at (843) 720-7111.

### Leave No Trace Policy

Exhibitors and vendors are responsible for leaving their booth space clean and free of all trash and other materials.

Do not leave behind any items such as: exhibit or display materials, waste packing materials, or any food, trash, or recyclables.

### Alcohol Policy

The sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited. Consumption of alcoholic beverages by vendors and exhibitors at their booths is prohibited.