

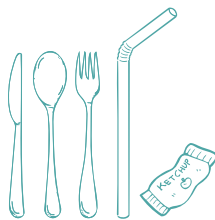
NEW RULES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Whether you're a first-time event planner or a seasoned pro, here's a list of new state and local laws that may apply to you as a special event producer operating in the City of Carlsbad.

Skip the Stuff

June 1, 2022

Vendors to provide single-use utensils, straws and condiments packets upon request only.
(AB 1276)



Organic Composting

Jan. 1, 2022

Vendors to provide new, separate bins for food scraps.
(SB 1383)



Single-Use Plastic Ban

July 1, 2023

Vendors to provide reusable or certified compostable or marine degradable foodware.
(City Ordinance)



Plastic Bag Ban

July 1, 2023

No plastic bags from retail vendors (July 1, 2023) or food vendors (July 1, 2024).
(City Ordinance)



Ballon Release Ban

July 1, 2023

No intentional release of balloons.
(City Ordinance)



Plastic Bottle Ban

July 1, 2023

No plastic beverage bottles at city facilities and city permitted events.
(City Ordinance)



Sustainable Carlsbad

Tips for hosting a sustainable Carlsbad event!



1 Pre-Event

- Educate event staff, attendees and volunteers on the new rules and regulations.
- Ensure your food, retail vendors and sponsors use only certified compostable or reusable items.
- Incorporate organic waste into your event waste management plan.*
- Consider hiring a third-party waste and recycling contractor familiar with the city's new requirements.
- Ask attendees to bring their own reusable water bottles.



2 During Event

- Provide separate bins and clear signage for food waste, recycling and trash in high traffic areas.
- Only offer single-use plastic utensils, straws and condiments upon request. On July 1, 2023, then only compostable or marine degradable.
- Implement a day-of recycling and waste station monitoring plan.
- Monitor vendors and partner compliance throughout the event.
- Have a water bottle refill station.



3 Post Event

- Communicate your successful sustainable efforts with your attendees, staff and partners.
- Deliver excess, edible food to a partner food recovery organizations.*
- Dispose of food waste, recycling and trash in the proper location.
- Document your sustainability best practices for your next event.

** Required for events with over 2,000 participants or an entry fee.*

The City of Carlsbad is here to help.

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