

## 2024 Bainbridge Island Grand Old Fourth Vendor Tableware Guidelines

Bainbridge Island Zero Waste volunteers and the BI Chamber of Commerce are working hard to make sure the 4th creates as little trash as possible. You play your part by serving food in compostable fiber tableware, as described below. Your customers like composting the food service ware, which is only possible on Bainbridge when using natural **fiber**-based, PFAS-free items. Look for natural **fiber** products certified by [Biodegradable Products Institute](#) or [OK Compost HOME](#) to comply with [City regulations](#).

Please note: According to city code, **you may not automatically** give out cold cup lids, straws/stirrers, utensils or single-use condiments. You must ask the customer or do self-serve.

**Wooden/fiber utensils are required (no compostable plastic). If you want to purchase from Zero Waste, we will sell wooden ones for \$4/sleeve of 100.** Please request one month in advance. Email or call Diane Landry with any questions: [bizerowaste@sustainablebainbridge.org](mailto:bizerowaste@sustainablebainbridge.org), 703-477-7996.

**DO NOT USE any kind of rigid COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC**, including utensils, clamshells, bowls or portion cups. (Exception: You may use clear PLA drink cups.) Our City of Bainbridge Island ordinance requires that **disposable food service ware be of certified compostable fiber and PFAS-free**. Look for **acceptable PFAS-free certified compostable fiber products** on the [BPI](#) or [OK Compost HOME](#) link. **DO NOT BUY any rigid compostable plastic** listed on those links for this event (except for clear PLA drink cups). **If you are not sure about a product, please email me at [bizerowaste@sustainablebainbridge.org](mailto:bizerowaste@sustainablebainbridge.org).**

### PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING:

**Cold Cups** - Clear drink cups are allowed but must be compostable plastic, per BI city ordinance. To meet this requirement, purchase cups that are on the [BPI](#) or [OK Compost HOME](#) lists.

**Hot Cups** - [BPI](#)-certified or [OK Compost HOME](#)-certified

**Tableware** - Must be **certified compostable fiber** for plates, bowls, deli paper and portion cups, **not compostable plastic**. Instead of portion cups, **we encourage dispensing condiments in bulk**.

**Straws** - Straws must be of **certified compostable fiber**.

**Utensils** - Wooden or other fiber types are required. **See yellow highlight above.**

**Napkins** - Paper ones are compostable. Please do not give out wipes.

**Food waste** - Bring your food prep waste to a discard station compost cart (green lid). (No plastic gloves mixed in!)

**Cardboard** - Flatten and put in any of the three cardboard recycling dumpsters. Soda boxes are not cardboard and belong at a discard station in the recycling cart (blue lid). Cardboard dumpsters are located next to the large garbage dumpster, at the east end of Bjune/Brien and across from the Senior Center.

**Plastic bag packaging** - Keep your bun bags, ice bags and bulk drink wrap separate from your trash. We will pick up and later take to the local grocery store's recycling bin.

**Cooking grease and oil** - You must pack it out.

We sincerely thank you for your cooperation, support, and participation in this event.

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