

Our aim is Zero Waste



It may not happen today, or all at once, but with a conscientious effort from all of us we can reduce the amount of waste the Waterfront Festival generates.

Last year, with the help of volunteers who sift through our garbage cans, the Oakville Waterfront Festival diverted 45% of our waste away from landfill sites and into recycling and composting resources. That's pretty good. But we can do better.

We've all heard of Reduce, Reuse & Recycle, well the Festival would like you to consider these three new "R's" and do all you can to help us achieve our goal:

Rethink your packaging and giveaway items: please use paper plates and cups, not styrofoam; use wooden stir sticks instead of plastic; wax or butcher paper instead of lined tinfoil; serve juice in tetra packs instead of plastic cups with foil lids or consider corn-based cups & cutlery; have milk, cream & condiments in pitchers or jars instead of individual packets; use paper bags instead of plastic; please don't hand out small plastic trinkets or individually wrapped items (balloons are not permitted on site).

Remove your recyclables from your garbage: Take the effort to separate your garbage and your recycleable matter. Remove the plastic from the cardboard base of your pop container flats and dispose each in the appropriate containers.

Return things you brought: It may seem like a bit of extra effort, but instead of throwing out those one or two plates or containers or other leftover items, take it home with you & save for another time, donate it to someone or where possible, return to the supplier for a refund. Don't think of throwing something out because it is convenient. Garbage is inconvenient.

Thank you.

Oakville Waterfront Festival '09

mission: to host an annual family-oriented Waterfront Festival which promotes Oakville and fosters community partnerships
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