



SUSTAINABLE EVENT EFFORTS

**BISHOP MUSEUM IS COMMITTED TO MAKING RESPONSIBLE DECISIONS TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT
AND REDUCE OUR IMPACT BY IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS FOR OUR FUTURE.
WE ENCOURAGE OUR CLIENTS AND VENDORS TO DO THE SAME.**

Bishop Museum is a plastic-free campus (no single-use plastics) and strives to have all events hosted on its grounds be the same. Plastic-free means no styrofoam or other single-use plastics (plastics labeled #1-6 are single-use), which includes bags, packaging, bottles, sample cups/spoons, etc.

WE ASK THAT CLIENTS / VENDORS PROVIDE:

- Reusable products and packaging rather than disposable
- If disposable products are used, they must be 100% certified compostable
- Compostable “plastics” are allowed if they are certified compostable
- Napkins can be either compostable or made with at least 80% post-consumer recycled material
- Limit single-use plastic packaged beverages (water bottles, juices, etc.). Bishop Museum has numerous water filling stations across campus to use.

STEPS TO MAKE YOUR EVENT PLASTIC FREE:

1. Identify what single-use plastic items you would like to eliminate.

Make a list of all single-use items at your event and which products you are able to eliminate, and find alternate products that can be used to replace them.

2. Let contracted food/beverage vendors know that your event is striving to be plastic-free.

Request them to use compostable/biodegradable serve ware for their food distribution for your event.

3. Waste diversion / zero waste stations.

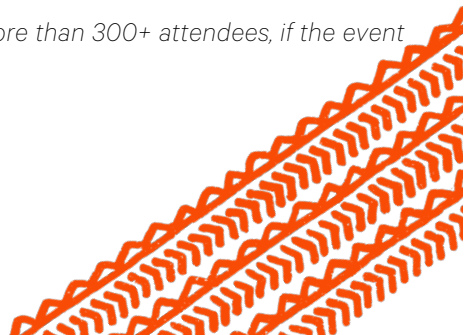
[Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii](#) offers Waste Diversion services for events. With knowledgeable staff and educational resources, SCH separates and diverts waste into compost, recycling & trash with a final report on waste data and diversion rate provided. Reach out to them directly to inquire about this service at: info@sustainablecoastlineshawaii.org.

4. Set up a water refill station to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles.

Using large water dispensers that attendees can use to refill their reusable water bottles, or using the existing water refill stations across Bishop Museum’s campus. Make sure to include a reminder to attendees to bring their own reusable water bottles.

[Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation](#) offers free water refill stations for large events hosting more than 300+ attendees, if the event organizers agree to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles from the event.

Contact them directly at: plasticfree@kokuahawaiiifoundation.org



FOOD VENDOR GUIDELINES

In this effort to minimize waste, food and beverage vendors must commit to and comply with the following waste reduction requirements:

- All foodservice items must be reusable if possible. If you use disposable products, use only certified compostable products according to the American Society for Testing and Materials d6400 or d6868 standards.
- No single-use plastics. This includes bags, packaging, bottles, sample cups/spoons, etc. Plastic-free means no polystyrene foam (a.k.a. styrofoam) or other single-use plastics (plastics #1-6 – see grid below). Compostable “plastics” are allowed if they are certified compostable.
- Make sure not to purchase “biodegradable” foodservice items to be served or distributed. Products labeled as “biodegradable” can still contain up to 97% plastic. Look for products that are certified compostable.
- Certified compostable products are made 100% from plants. Look for “astm certified compostable” logo/seal.
- No plastic straws. If you provide straws, please use paper or compostable straws and offer them only upon request.
- Allow attendees to bring their own cup, utensil or plate. Consider offering a discount for this.
- Earthchoice products are not allowed. These have a tree in the logo, but are mostly made of plastic. Ensure your products are certified compostable.
- Napkins can be either compostable or made with at least 80% post-consumer recycled material. Non-bleached preferred.
- Do not sell beverages in single-use plastic bottles. Beverages in aluminum or glass containers can be sold.
- No takeout bags made of plastic. Paper bags or reusable bags can be distributed/ sold.

We recommend [World Centric products](#). Below is a list of distributors that sell compostable products. Be sure to ask for “certified compostable”:

LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS:		
SUSTAINABLE ISLAND PRODUCTS 808-769-4905 INFO@SUSTAINABLEISLANDPRODUCTS.COM PRICE MATCHING OFFERED. 831 LEILANI ST. SUITE N, HILO, 96720	PREMIUM INC. (O'AHU) (808) 839-9802 2644 WAIWAI LOOP, HONOLULU, 96819	TRIPLE F DISTRIBUTING (O'AHU) (808) 842-9133 98-735 KUAHAO PL, PEARL CITY, 96782
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