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# TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY ZERO WASTE EVENT GUIDE

## WHAT IS ZERO WASTE?

Zero Waste means minimizing waste, reducing consumption, maximizing recycling, and ensuring that products used at events can be reused or recycled back into nature or the marketplace.

## WHAT MAKES AN EVENT ZERO WASTE?

An event is considered zero waste if 90% of all materials generated and discarded are diverted from the landfill. **Preparations should be made before, during, and after the event** to ensure vendors, staff, volunteers, and event attendees can reuse, recycle, or compost any materials used. Your event should have **clearly labeled zero waste stations** for recyclables, compostables, and as a last resort, garbage, with educational signage and volunteers to facilitate proper disposal.

## HOW TO RECYCLE IN LUCAS COUNTY

### What can be recycled?

- Plastic: bottles, tubs
- Metal: aluminum & steel containers, clean foil & trays
- Paper, newspaper, magazines
- Cartons: milk, juice, soup, cartons
- Glass: bottles & jars

-After your event, be sure to take recyclables & recycling boxes to the nearest County Recycling Center.

Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful (KT/LCB) and the Andersons have partnered to provide FREE trash and recycling boxes for special events.

To obtain free recycling boxes, call KT/LCB at 419.213.2255 or submit an online request at <http://co.lucas.oh.us/forms.aspx?FID=314>

## HOW TO COMPOST IN LUCAS COUNTY

There is currently no compost facility within Lucas County. Please contact Hirzel Farms, Andre Farms, or KT/LCB for your composting needs.

### Hirzel Farms

Phone: 419.467.7525

Email:

[hirzelfarms@hirzel.com](mailto:hirzelfarms@hirzel.com)

Address:

20790 Bradner Road

Luckey, OH 43443

Website:

[www.hirzelfarms.com](http://www.hirzelfarms.com)

### Andre Farms

Phone: 419.345.4554

Email:

[tpandre.83@gmail.com](mailto:tpandre.83@gmail.com)

Address:

14687 Road M

Waseon, Ohio 43567

Website:

[www.andrefarms.com](http://www.andrefarms.com)

### KT/LCB

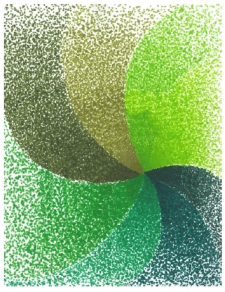
KT/LCB and GoZero have partnered to provide compost bins for special events for a small fee

Phone: (419) 213-2255

Website:

<https://co.lucas.oh.us/345/Keep-Toledo-Lucas-County-Beautiful>





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## CHECKLIST FOR HOSTING A ZERO WASTE EVENT

### PRIOR TO THE EVENT:

- Determine zero or reduced waste goals, be sure to set goals that are bold, but realistic
- Choose a venue that will work with your zero waste goals. TIP: Select a venue that offers recycling and reusable event materials (table cloths, serviceware, decorations, etc.)
- Make sure all items purchased are reusable, recyclable, or compostable
- Avoid purchasing access
- Buy in bulk, avoid single use packaging
- Contact recycle bin provider
- Contact compost bin provider

### DURING THE EVENT:

- Set up zero waste stations with garbage, compost, and recycle bins
- Utilize signage to clearly label each container for proper disposal
- Have volunteers monitor waste stations to prevent contamination
- Line compost bin with compostable bags, not trash bags
- Recycle bins should not be lined
- Plan announcements throughout the event to educate attendees on zero waste goals

### AFTER THE EVENT:

- Ensure all haulers/vendors pick-up recyclables, compost, and landfill trash
- Donate leftovers so they won't be wasted
- Flatten and recycle cardboard
- Measure results by collecting the volume, weight, or number bags of compost, recyclables, and trash bags and document the results
- Determine if your goals were achieved. Document any lessons learned to improve your next zero waste event
- Celebrate your success! Let your guests, vendors, sponsors, and other stakeholders know what you accomplished

