



# NEWPORT LICENSED EVENT RECYCLING 101

**Recycling is now mandatory at ALL Newport licensed special events. From neighborhood parties to huge festivals, we've got you covered.**

Effective September 2015 all Newport licensed special events must recycle their recyclable waste at a licensed recycling facility. A copy of the ordinance can be found here: [https://www.municode.com/library/ri/newport/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_TIT5BULIRE\\_CH5.70SPEV\\_5.70.070DISOWAREMASPEV](https://www.municode.com/library/ri/newport/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_TIT5BULIRE_CH5.70SPEV_5.70.070DISOWAREMASPEV)).

## Why Green Your Event?

Hundreds of events in Newport every year result in dumpsters full of bottles, cups, fliers, food scraps, pallets, and giveaways to be disposed. An event can create a LOT of waste — but it can also provide an opportunity for Newport to run clean and green events.



**It's what the public wants.** Sustainability is not only a trend; it's the mark of a new era. Newporters and our thousands of annual tourists want more sustainable events and opportunities to reduce their own environmental impact. People feel good doing good.



**Going green saves green.** Investing in a sustainability plan can save money by reducing energy and materials costs.



**Sustainable events stand out.** Environmentally friendly events attract positive media coverage. Sponsors, vendors, and venues want to partner with green events too.

## Green it with the Newport Clean City program!

The Newport Clean City program is your first stop when planning a greener event. Their free services help reduce the environmental footprint of your street festivals and public events through waste reduction and recycling.

If you have questions please contact the Newport Clean City Coordinator at (401) 845-5613.



## Before Your Event:

**All the waste has to go somewhere!**

- If you have trash containers at your event, you must have a recycling container next to each waste container. The City of Newport has portable recycling bins that your event can use.
- You must have signs on both waste and recycling bins to help your guests and attendees put the waste material in the proper bin.
- A complete list of materials that must be recycled in Rhode Island can be found here: <http://atoz.rirrc.org/glossary>.
- Your recycled material must go to a licensed recycling facility. Either add your material from a small event in your own residential recycle bin or be sure that the waste hauler for the event also takes the recycled materials to a certified facility.

## During Your Event – How to recycle at your next licensed special event in Newport:

*We suggest that you think about your event as fitting into one of these categories:*

### **A. Neighborhood or community event without any food vendors.**

- Put out waste and recycling containers. Put the signs on the bins.
- At the end of the event, either take the material to include in your own residential recycling if it is manageable, or take it to the recycling station.
- If your guests are bringing their own food they can simply carry in and carry out, adding their recycled materials to their own residential recycling bins.

### **B. Catered event at a Newport Location where the caterer is handling and removing the waste.**

- Put out waste and recycling containers. Put the signs on the bins. This includes areas where the caterer and vendors are preparing and clearing food.
- At the end of your event, if your caterer is taking waste offsite as part of their contract, make sure that they take the recycled materials to a certified facility.

### **C. Catered or other event with vendors at a Newport location where the event is hiring a waste hauler.**

- Put out equal numbers of waste and recycling containers. Put the signs on the bins. This includes areas where the caterer and vendors are preparing and clearing food.
- Be sure to ask your waste hauler to provide an equal number of recycling bins with your waste bins. And be sure to have them deliver the recycled material to a certified recycling facility.



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