

Zero Waste Station

The Zero Waste Station - helping you create a zero waste event!

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What is Zero Waste?

Zero Waste involves minimizing waste generation and maximizing reusing and recycling to achieve the greatest possible waste diversion.

What is a Zero Waste Station?

The North Shore Recycling Program, in concert with Metro Vancouver and the District of West Vancouver, has developed a handy Zero Waste Station to support waste reduction in our community (click here for photos of the Station in use). As a result, any North Shore community group can now reduce the amount of waste their small community events create by borrowing a Zero Waste Station. There is no cost to the program, outside of a \$200 deposit to secure your Station(s), redeemable upon the return of the Zero Waste Station in 'as borrowed' condition.

The Zero Waste Station is best suited to small events (between 20 and 500 people). Events larger than 500 should contact a private recycling company for waste sorting, collection and disposal.

Larger events are welcome to apply to borrow the Zero Waste Station to supplement existing recycling bins, but priority will be given to small local events.

Here's what you get when you borrow a Station:

- up to 10 collection frames - each Zero Waste Station comes with up to 10 collection frames- two frames per collectable material are available. Collection frames are lightweight and fold easily for transport, and the custom lids stack to save space. Laminated signage and collection bags are provided with each Station.

- 2 to 4 large flags or banners - Quality, aesthetically pleasing vertical flags and horizontal banners are available to increase the visibility and profile of your Zero Waste Station. The size of your event will dictate how many banners you will require.

- attractive, easy-to-understand laminated instructional signage for each material type

- clear collection bags, allowing you to check the station for contamination before you take the materials for recycling

- a handy transport trolley, if required.

- our Guide to Creating a Zero Waste Event (coming in late September 2009).

What kind of materials can you collect with the Zero Waste Station?

- Beverage Containers - Beverage containers include bottles, cans and tetra packs on which you pay a refundable deposit at the point of purchase. Take these containers back to your local bottle depot to raise money for further waste reduction efforts.

- Mixed Paper - Includes office paper, cardboard and newspaper. Take this paper to the North Shore Recycling Drop-off Depot.

- Mixed Containers - Includes metal cans, glass jars and rigid plastics #1, 2, 4 and 5. Take these to the North Shore Recycling Drop-off Depot (Does not include plastics #3, 6, 7, plastics with no number or plastic bags - see our Guide to Creating a Zero Waste Event for information on what to do with these materials - the guide will be posted here by July 30, 2009).

- Compostable Material - Acceptable material depends upon its final destination. Take these materials home to compost in your backyard or contract an organics hauler to take to a composting facility.

- Garbage - Includes any material that doesn't fit into the above categories such as candy wrappers, plastic straws, styrofoam, etc.

This material can be taken to the North Shore Transfer Station, or, if only a small amount, included as part of your household garbage collection. 'Extra Garbage' tags can be purchased from your municipality (see contacts in our Guide to Creating a Zero Waste Event).

I want to borrow a Zero Waste Station. What do I do now?

First, read the Zero Waste Station Brochure to familiarize yourself with the system and how it works. Then download the Zero Waste Station Application Form to apply to borrow a station for your event and find out what your responsibilities are as a borrower. Due to the limited number of Zero Waste Stations, the units may be booked at the time you need them. In that case, we would let you know immediately upon receipt of your application. Contact information is included on the form.

This program is new to the North Shore for 2009. Don't miss a great opportunity to take your special event to the next level!

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