Checklist for Planning a Sustainable Tailgate

Sustainability is a core value at Stanford. Help conserve resources and reduce waste by using this checklist to plan your next Stanford tailgate.

Focus on these key actions:

Waste Reduction

☐ Order recycling and composting bins through PSSI
  ☐ If not ordering bins through PSSI, collect recyclable items (clear bags) separately from compostable items (light green bags) to bring to the closest waste receptacle. See reverse for a recycling and compost bin map!

☐ Promote recycling and composting at the event through clear signage and announcements

☐ Place bins in high-traffic areas throughout the entire tailgate

☐ Request attendees bring (empty) reusable water bottles to fill at one of many water filling stations in the stadium and around athletics facilities

☐ Use refillable propane cylinders: Find out more at refuelingyourfun.org

Communications + Outreach

☐ When sharing event details, promote recycling and composting at the event through clear announcements to attendees

Food Choices and Catering

If Using a Caterer

☐ Request only BPI Certified compostable plates, cups, and cutlery

☐ Offer vegetarian or vegan food choices as part of the main menu - meat production has an extremely high environmental impact

☐ Request foods that don’t require individual packaging or boxes

☐ Choose a catering group that supports the above sustainability goals (uses compostable serving dishes, offers a range of vegetarian choices, etc.)

If NOT Using a Caterer

☐ Prior to event, request attendees bring their own reusable cutlery, cups, and plates to reduce waste

☐ If not reusable, plan to use only BPI Certified compostable plates, cups, and cutlery. Do NOT use red SOLO cups - they are not recyclable

☐ Purchase food and snack items (like chips) in bulk to reduce packaging

Transportation

☐ Save time and money on parking by using alternative transportation: see local Caltrain and Marguerite shuttle schedules

Need help planning your event?
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