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ACT EVENTS

Approved Packaging Framework



# INTRODUCTION

This vendor packaging framework is to set out what disposable packaging can and cannot be used onsite at ACT EVENTS

## PURPOSE

The following framework ensures that the correct disposable packaging is used at this event so that it can be composted, recycled, upcycled or repurposed locally to avoid ending up as waste in landfill.

What you may have been used previously might no longer be accepted for use at this event.

## PRODUCTS

We understand that as vendors you may wish to present your food in a particular way, so we have tried to feature a wide variety of options (and locations to source them!) that meet our sustainability criteria and will hopefully meet your packaging requirements.

## PLAN

We've provided lists and we can discuss with you whether your current packaging is accepted or help you source packaging if needed. Planning your packaging well in advance before arriving on site will ensure that you can trade without delay.

# APPROVED PACKAGING





# Kraft Range

Made from sustainable Food Grade paper, the Kraft Range is the natural choice for food service packaging



# Approved Packaging | Kraft Range

Product	Details
Kraft Clamshells	Includes Kraft Burger Boxes
Kraft Chip Cups	
Kraft Boxes	Includes Kraft Pizza Boxes, Dinner Boxes, Snack Boxes, etc
Kraft Carry Boxes	
Kraft Open Trays	Includes Tray 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Hot Dog Boats
<i>*All Kraft Packaging must be uncoated and have no PLA or plastic linings.</i>	





# Cutlery & Accessories

Wooden cutlery is sustainably-sourced, and home compostable. It is the natural and better choice to reduce single-use plastics and bioplastics.



# Approved Packaging | Other & Accessories

Product	Details
Paper Plates (uncoated)	Ensure you choose an option that is 100% paper that is uncoated
Wooden Cutlery	Ensure you choose an option that is 100% wood that is uncoated
100% Paper, Greaseproof Paper	This grease proof paper is a fantastic way to turn you Kraft Tray or Box into a great branding moment whilst adding an extra layer of protection for the food
Paper Napkins	
Cardboard Discs	Great alternative for serving pizzas.





# Drinks & Accessories

Choosing beverage packaging can be difficult, but we're making it easy by limiting the options to packaging that can actually be recycled and dealt with in the region!



Paper cups, paper straws, paper accessories are the only drink and accessories allowed. The only exception at this stage is for of rPET 1 cups and lids which Closed Loop will sort and recycle locally.





# Approved Packaging | Drinks & Accessories

Product	Details
Paper Cups	Aqueous Lined Cups with Home Compostable Certification preferred, any paper/coffee cups accepted
Carry Trays	Includes Kraft or Paper Pulp Carry Tray
Kraft Coffee Sleeves	
Paper Straws	No plastic or PLA straws allowed.
RPET #1 Cups & Lids	Plastic #5 cups and lids are also acceptable.



# Non-Approved Packaging & Accessories

The following two pages set out what disposable packaging cannot be used onsite at ACT EVENTS

These products cannot be recycled, composted or upcycled locally, and will end up as waste in landfill.

The Australian Government is phasing out and banning certain hard-to-recycle plastics and single use items in phases. You'll find these included on the list and available to view in Appendix One\*

Not using these products will reduce waste, improve our recycling initiatives and increase the event's sustainability and landfill diversion goals.

Alternatives for the products listed can be found within our Approved Packaging List.





# Non-Approved Packaging & Accessories

Product	Details	Australian Government Status
Bagasse Packaging*	As this product may contain <a href="#">PFAS</a> , it cannot be composted locally This packaging is also known as Bamboo/Sugarcane Packaging	N/A
Bamboo Cutlery*	Avoid bamboo and choose uncoated wooden items instead	N/A
PLA or Non-Recyclable Plastic Cups*	Refers to Plastic #7 cups made from PLA (Bio-Plastic)	N/A
PLA Packaging**	This can include paper or cardboard packaging that has a PLA lining	N/A
Plastic Cutlery		Banned 1 July 2021
Plastic Plates and Bowls		Banned 1 July 2023
Plastic Straws		Banned 1 July 2022
Polystyrene Food and Drink Packaging	Includes expanded polystyrene (EPS)	Banned 1 July 2021
Plastic Drink Stirrers		Banned 1 July 2021
Plastic with pro-degradant additives		Banned 1 July 2022
Pre-formed PVC food trays and containers*		N/A

**\* Although these items are not GOVT banned they have been included in the not-approved list as they cannot be recycled, composted, or upcycled at this event and will go to landfill.**

**\*\* PLA lined paper cups are accepted, but all other PLA packaging will go to landfill.**

**Only the approved packaging can find a home after use in this State/Territory.**



# WASTE MANAGEMENT GUIDE





# WILL YOU PRODUCE WASTE AT THE EVENT?

We've got you covered!

Closed Loop manage all waste at the event and are making it simple so you know what can be recycled, upcycled and composted at the event.

## ACCEPTED ITEMS AT EVENT



- Paper & Cardboard
  - **Please break down any boxes so that they are flat and try keep it clean!**
- Glass
  - **For back of house use only i.e., bars, green rooms and vendor ingredients.**
  - **All colours, please don't break for our health and safety.**
- Soft Plastic
  - **Try and keep it clean as we can upcycle into a new product and avoid taking it to landfill.**
- Food Waste & Organics
- Aluminium & Steel Cans
- Plastic 1's, 2's & 5's
- Oil (in provided Oil drums)
- All food and beverage packaging in this framework!

## TAKE THESE ITEMS HOME (or avoid bringing them)



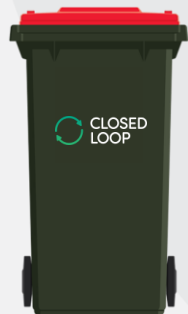
- Polystyrene boxes
- Wooden Pallets
- Milk Crates
- Oil Drums
- Treated Timber

# FRONT OF HOUSE WASTE

This is what the event attendees can see and use

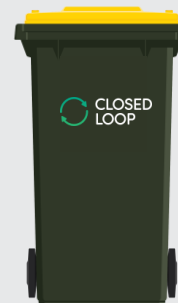
## General Waste

- Plastic Bags
- Food Wrappers
  - Nappies
- Disposable Gloves



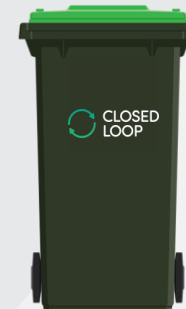
## Mixed Recycling

- Plastic Bottles
- Clean Plastic Containers
- Steel & Aluminium Cans
- Newspapers, Paper & Magazines
  - Cardboard



## Simply Cups

- Paper Cups
- Coffee Cups





# BACK OF HOUSE WASTE

Closed Loop hand-sort all waste behind the scenes and have a variety of skips/bins to hold the below waste streams.

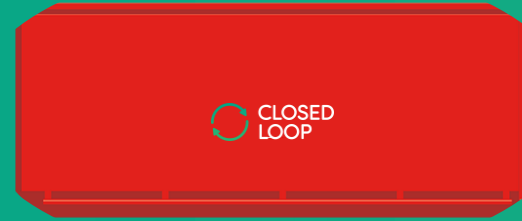
If you drop off any waste to our team in the waste compound, please do not place any waste in the skips and give it to a staff member

- Carboard (flattened) & Paper Recycling
- Glass (Sorted Clear, Green, Brown)
- Soft Plastic
- General Waste
- Food Waste & Organics
- Aluminium & Steel Cans
- Plastic 1's, 2's & 5s
- Tetra Pak (such as alternative milk cartons)
- Packaging\*
- Paper Cups

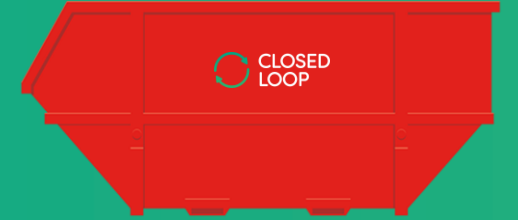
## WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

Oil containers, Wooden Pallets, Milk Crates or Polystyrene.  
These must be removed by the vendors.

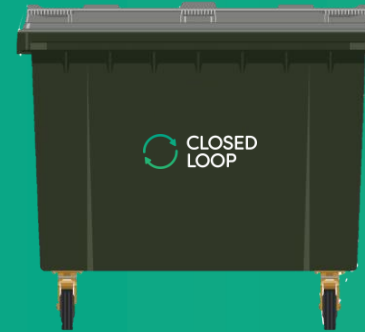
Additional waste streams are available on request, such as oil, sanitary waste, grey water, secure document disposal and so on.



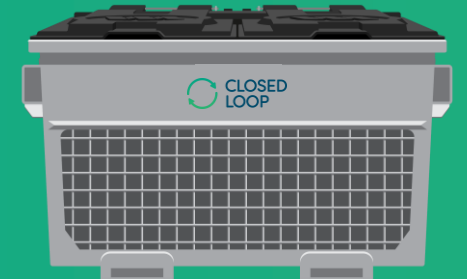
30m<sup>3</sup>, 23m<sup>3</sup> &  
15m<sup>3</sup> Hook Bins



9m<sup>3</sup> Skip Bins



1100L Wheelie Bins



4.5m Cage Bin



1t Bags



\*see event approved packaging list

# Appendix One | ACT GOVT Illustration

## Single-use plastics **BAN**



**These single-use plastic items will be banned in the ACT**

**From 1 July 2023:**

- ✗ single-use plastic plates and bowls
- ✗ expanded polystyrene loose fill packaging and trays
- ✗ plastic microbeads in personal care and cleaning products

**From 1 January 2024:**

- ✗ heavyweight and boutique plastic bags (greater than 35 microns in thickness)

**Items already banned in the ACT**

- ✗ single-use plastic cutlery
- ✗ single-use plastic stirrers
- ✗ expanded polystyrene food and drink containers
- ✗ single-use plastic straws (with exemptions for those who need them)
- ✗ plastic cotton buds sticks
- ✗ oxo-degradable plastics



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Find out more  
[www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics](http://www.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics)

