

GREEN TRADER POLICY

We are taking steps to help protect our beautiful Cornish coastline and produce a greener, cleaner festival for everyone.

1. Overview of Essential Policies

1. All traders must adhere to the compostable serve-ware and packaging guidelines (“biodegradable” is not acceptable)
2. Sugar, salt & pepper and sauces must not be available in single sachets, use only refillable containers.
3. All traders must use the recycling and compost systems provided
4. No single-use plastic bags will be given out or sold at the event.
5. Work with the Truro Food Festival to help reduced and elimination single use plastics.

Please note that failure to adhere to any of the above will affect applications to trade at future events.

We are open to suggestions and feedback and hope we can work closely with our traders to create a green Truro Food Festival.

2. Serve-ware & Packaging Policy

We aim to recycle and compost as much as possible. Serve-ware is generally not easily recycle-able due to being covered in food, therefore the best approach is to ensure it is compostable with the food. All serve-ware including cutlery, plates, meal boxes etc. must be ‘compostable’. **Please note this is different to ‘biodegradable’, which is not permitted.** It is essential that everyone uses the correct serve-ware as small percentages of contamination can lead to large amounts of waste going to landfill rather than being composted. Please note that serve-ware will be checked onsite before permission is granted to open.

Permissible serve-ware:

- Wooden/Vegware cutlery – spoons, forks and knives
- Compostable paper and cardboard cups
- Compostable paper plates and bowls
- Wooden stirrers and compostable straws



Banned serve-ware types:

- No cornstarch/bioplastic cups allowed to be used on site (they are not compostable. Vegware is fine.)
- No expanded polystyrene
- No plastic cutlery or straws
- No aluminum foil packaging
- No single sachet servings of salt, pepper, sugar or sauces. Refillable containers only.
- No plastics of any type including PET, rPET or HDPE (with the exception of single-use plastic drink bottles)
- No single-use plastic bags (paper bags only)

If you have any queries about whether you are using the correct materials contact your supplier and check that what you are buying conforms to the 'EN13432' standard.

Packaging Policy

Packaging should be kept to a minimum and consist of only compostable or the following approved recyclable materials:

- Plastics: PET, RPET, HDPE
- Uncoated* cards and plastics (starch-based compostable coatings are permissible)

3. Food Sourcing Policy

The Truro Food Festival is committed to responsible food sourcing such as reducing travel miles, environment impacts and maintaining welfare standards, and managing our operations sustainably. As a trader you play a crucial role. We recognise that sourcing decisions affect margins, but we hope you will make every effort to source sustainably.

- Menus should be based on seasonable British and local produce where possible. Required items not available locally should be grown within Europe.
- Preferably all tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar and bananas certified Fair Trade.
- All cleaning products must be non-toxic, biodegradable or environmentally friendly wherever possible within food hygiene guidelines.

4. Recycling Systems

We have ambitious recycling targets and we aim to dramatically reduce our waste to landfill in 2019. This requires separating all of our waste streams onsite. We realise it can be difficult as each festival you attend may have a different system. Because of this we aim to be very clear about what we expect and the Green Team manager and Waste Management representatives will be around throughout the event to offer support.

TYPE OF WASTE	HOW TO RECYCLE
Dry mixed recyclables: Plastic, cans, tins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Please only use clear bin liners for mixed dry recyclables.– Please rinse any food residue off of plastics/cans/tins
Cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Please break down/fold boxes.
Glass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Please rinse any food residue off of glass
Food waste, compostable serve-ware and compostable packaging	Please bring your own temporary container/bin; these can be decanted into COMPOST bins. Plastic liners are not to be used.
Cooking oils/fats	Please take your oil wastage with you to dispose. We're unable to dispose of this onsite.
Cigarette Waste	All cigarette butts must be disposed of into cigarette butt bins provided, butt pouches or into general waste bins once extinguished.
Other waste	Any other waste must be put into GENERAL WASTE bins

Our onsite Green Team will offer advice and help onsite, if you do not have the necessary resources as above, please advise a member of staff. It is your responsibility to ensure your staff recycle and keep waste streams separate, please have this policy available in your stall for your staff to refer to.

5. Onsite Checks

Please note that we do check your compliance with this policy both before and during the event, so we expect your operation to reach the standards you have agreed to.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN HELPING US MAKE THIS A GREEN FOOD FESTIVAL!