

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS CATERERS AND FOOD TRADERS

1.0 Commitment, Targets, and Travel

Our Commitment

Festival Republic is committed to reducing its direct and indirect carbon footprint. We carry out an environmental audit of the festival and calculate our carbon footprint. All caterers and food traders are asked to comply with the following to reach our targets below.

Compost and Recycling Targets

- Zero waste to landfill.
- We aim to recycle 50% or higher of the total materials used onsite.

Travelling to Site

Please encourage your staff to travel via public transport or car share wherever possible and record your journeys using our journey tracker that will be sent in advance of the show.

2.0 Yellow and Red Card Policy

Your kitchen could be closed if any non-compliance with the below is observed.

A Yellow and Red Card Policy will be in place throughout the event. The steps for this Policy are: Written Yellow Card warning, must immediately resolve any non-compliance, a further check will be conducted, if any non-compliance persists, a written Red Card will be issued and the **kitchen be closed** for the remaining duration on the event without compensation. The first step may be skipped at the discretion of the Trader Manager, and any party issued a Yellow or Red Card may not be invited to be part of any **Festival Republic** events in future.

1. **No** single-use plastic is allowed at food stalls. This includes **sauce sachets, coffee cup lids, plastic cups or pots, and plastic food containers.**



2. **No** bioplastic (PLA) is allowed on site. This includes cutlery, clear film windows on food containers, sauce pots, and dessert pots.

Some products look like plastic but say 'compostable'. These are made with PLA or CPLA.

This is **banned** as they are often mistaken by customers as plastic and get put in the recycling which contaminates our recycling stream.



- All takeaway serveware, including food containers and cutlery, **must** be certified compostable paper, card, or wood to **BS EN 13432 standard**.

This logo represents the **BS EN 13432 standard**:



Please see **section 3 on Approved Packaging and the Appendix below**.

- All plastic bottles **must** be made from at least 30% recycled content (rPET), but we aim for 50%.
- Dine-in customers should be served with both reusable crockery and cutlery, with onsite facilities provided to wash these between services.
- No** black bin bags are allowed on site, **only clear or tinted bags may be used**.
- Always segregate your waste back of house, in accordance with **section 5 on Waste Management below**.
- Only use plant-based **environmentally friendly cleaning products**, such as Ecover and Method.



- Your **pitch must be clean when you return it**, as a fee of £500 will be charged for any spillages and waste discarded.
- Compliance with the above will be monitored throughout the festival by the Sustainability and Event Team, and the Trader Manager. You **must allow checks to be completed at any time**.

Festival Republic has a strict zero tolerance policy to any abuse, including verbal.

3.0 Approved Packaging

Packaging and takeaway serve ware must only be made from the following:

- FSC certified/recycled cardboard
- FSC certified/recycled paper wrap
- FSC certified wood



Please see the Appendix below, which contains links to approved products for reference.

If you would like to check that your packaging will be allowed at the event, please contact sustainability@festivalrepublic.com

4.0 Product Selection

- Food should be locally sourced and seasonal where possible.
- Eggs **MUST** be free range (with exception to avian flu season).
- All meat **MUST** be Red Tractor assured as a minimum standard. We recommend all meat to meet certified sustainable standards of RSPCA Assured, and fish sourced according to the Marine Conservation Societies Good Fish Guide as a minimum.



- All tea, coffee, sugar, and chocolate **MUST** come from sustainable and ethical sources such as Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, UTZ, or Fair for Life certified. Other schemes include Just Change or the Ethical Tea Partnership.



5.0 Waste Management

- Our waste management contractor provides a comprehensive waste and recycling service that we ask everyone onsite to utilise.
- Follow the waste hierarchy principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- We have targets to reduce the amount of waste produced so please reduce the amount you bring to site that could create waste in the first instance, prioritise reuse over single use and use the recycling facilities provided.
- Please use reusable cable ties or bungies where possible.
- There will be designated skips for wood and metal. Contact the onsite waste management company or sustainability team to find out the locations, or to discuss specific waste needs.
- **Please do not block service access to the bins back of house.** When setting up your stall you must ensure a service lane is left to allow the bins to be emptied, as waste from back of house areas may need to be collected at any time.
- **No black bags are permitted.** Please bring your own clear bags to use to allow for waste separation. At some events, we will provide a limited number of colour-coded sacks for recycling and food waste to assist you with this process, but you should come prepared with your own.

Please segregate your waste as follows:

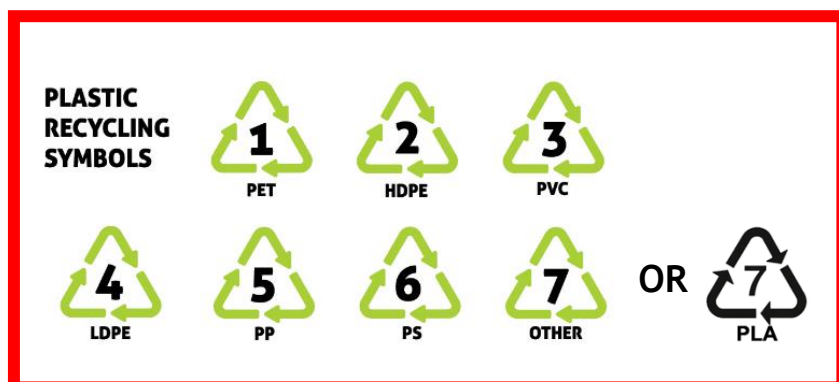
- **Cardboard**
 - Must be flat-packed next to the bins, not placed inside them.
- **Food Waste**
 - Must go into the bin labelled Food Waste Only, which has a brown sign. No packaging or other materials may contaminate this.
- **Recycling**
 - Must go into the bin labelled Recyclable, which has a green sign, showing examples of material that we must recycle.
- **Not Recyclable Waste**
 - Must go into the bin labelled Not Recyclable, which has a white sign, and shows examples of material that cannot be recycled.
- **Cooking Oil**
 - Must be stored in sealed drums for collection post-event.

FOOD WASTE ONLY	RECYCLABLE	NOT RECYCLABLE
<p><u>DO DISPOSE OF HERE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Only food waste. <p><u>DO NOT DISPOSE OF HERE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Any packaging or other materials. 	<p><u>DO DISPOSE OF HERE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clean tins and cans. ✓ Clean hard plastics. ✓ Clean and dry paper. ✓ Clean and dry foil. ✓ Unbroken glass. <p><u>DO NOT DISPOSE OF HERE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Any food. × Any soft plastics. 	<p><u>DO DISPOSE OF HERE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Soft plastics and crisp packets. ✓ Materials contaminated by food or oil. ✓ Broken glass, when wrapped securely and the bin collectors informed. <p><u>DO NOT DISPOSE OF HERE:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Any food. × Any recyclable waste.

- Under no circumstances should waste oil be poured onto the ground or into the water system.
- Waste must not be allowed to accumulate or to pose a source of contamination to food.
- Please keep your immediate back of house, the 10 metres in front of your kitchen, and the inside of your kitchen clean and free from rubbish at all times.
- Break down bulky items.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that none of your rubbish remains when leaving the site.
- Hired refrigerators must be emptied out before the trader leaves site.
- Any waste found on a pitch after the Trader has departed will result in a £500 fine.
- No surplus food can be left onsite.

6.0 Other Information

1. Be aware of the below symbols, if you see any of these on a product it means that it is made from plastic, and therefore it is not allowed:



2. BioPak, Nisbets, and Kampac Eco Ltd. provide clear product information. This is where it will state if the product is FSC certified and BS EN 13432 standard. If you do not see this in the product information, and the supplier is not able to provide this information, then the product does not meet our sustainability standard.
3. Plastic straws are banned by law in the UK.
4. Polystyrene takeaway containers are banned by law in UK and Ireland.

Appendix: Common Items, Wholesalers, and Products

Paper Coffee Cup Lids

BioPak (Small)- <https://www.biopak.com/uk/80mm-small-white-sugarcane-biocup-lid>

BioPak (Large) - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/12oz-90mm-large-white-sugarcane-biocup-lids>

Coffee Cups

BioPak - 12oz Single Wall “I’m a Green Cup” - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/12oz-single-wall-im-a-green-cup-hot-biocups>

BioPak 8oz White Single Wall - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/8oz-white-single-wall-compostable-hot-cups>

BioPak 8oz Art Series Double Wall - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/8oz-single-wall-art-series-biocups>

BioPak 12oz White Double Wall - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/12oz-white-double-wall-compostable-hot-cups>

Cutlery

BioPak Wooden Fork - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/16cm-wooden-forks>

BioPak Wooden Knives - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/16cm-wooden-knives>

BioPak Wooden Spoons - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/16cm-coated-wooden-spoons>

BioPak Wooden Teaspoons - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/10cm-wooden-teaspoons>

BioPak Wooden Knife, Fork and Napkin Individual sets - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/16cm-coated-wooden-knife-fork-napkin-packs-fsc-certified>

BioPak Chopsticks - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/21cm-individually-wrapped-wooden-chopsticks>

Ice Cream Spoons

BioPak wooden Ice Cream spoon - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/9-5-cm-wooded-ice-cream-spoons-fsc>

Food Containers

BioPak BioCane Clamshell - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/9x6x3-white-biocane-clamshells>

BioPak Burger Clamshell - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/sugarcane-6burger-clamshell-white-400-per-box>

BioPak 750ml Octagonal Takeaway Base - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/750ml-lunch-box-base>

BioPak 390ml Bowls - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/390ml-white-biocane-bowls>

Nisbets - Fruit Pot / Noodle Pot: [*Fiesta Compostable Soup Containers \(Pack of 500\) - P_FB160 - Buy Online at Nisbets*](#)

Kampac Eco - Fruit Pot / Noodle Pot: [*16oz White Compostable Soup Containers - Kampac // 12oz White Compostable Soup Containers - Kampac*](#)

BioPak Sauce Pot - <https://www.biopak.com/uk/60ml-white-biocane-sauce-biocups>

Waste Bags

Power Hygiene and Safety: Compost (Food waste) - [*40L Green Compostable Food Waste Liner - Power Hygiene*](#)

Kampac Eco - Compost (Food waste) - [*50L Compostable Kitchen Swing Bin Liners - Kampac*](#)

Power Hygiene and Safety: Clear Bag (Non-Recyclable Waste) - [*Clear Medium Duty Refuse Bags x 200 - Power Hygiene*](#)

Power Hygiene and Safety: Green Bags (Recycling) - [*Coloured Medium Duty Refuse Bags x 200 - Power Hygiene*](#)