



3rd Annual Hamline Elementary Fall Festival is a zero-waste event!



The 3rd Annual Hamline Elementary Fall Festival is working towards zero-waste by reducing waste generated onsite, and composting and recycling as much as possible. In order to accomplish this we need the cooperation of every vendor and exhibitor.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD: If you plan to distribute anything that may be consumed or discarded onsite (literature, candy, sample products or promotional materials), we require that it is recyclable or compostable. All items **MUST** be acceptable to recycle or compost with Eureka Recycling.

Please carefully read the guidelines specific to the categories listed below.

Reduce:

- Only hand out promotional items (flyers, key rings, rulers, leather or wooden coasters, etc.) to attendees who request them.
- One way to increase the value attendees place on your company's promotional items and to encourage interaction is to require attendees to sign up for products or play to win a promotional item.
- Only bring the amount of supplies you'll need for this event.
- Design promotional materials to work at other events, too, so you won't need to waste the unused ones.

Paper/Cardboard recycling: Flyers, leaflets, boxboard, cardboard, pop/beer boxes, paper, and cardboard are all recyclable at the Spring Festival.

Bottle and can recycling: Glass bottles, aluminum cans & foil, milk cartons, Juice boxes, and plastic bottles with a 1 or a 2 on the bottom. Other types of plastic and paper-foil wrappers cannot be recycled.

All Food and Non-Recyclable Paper Composting:

- **ALL** food including meat and dairy, waxed paper, paper pastry bags, and food contaminated cardboard (such as pastry boxes), wooden stir sticks, wooden or leather coasters, pencils, wooden rulers, leather or paper coasters, and non-recyclable paper such as paper cups, napkins, etc.
- If you plan on handing out any biodegradable plastics (PLA) they must be certified compostable by the Biodegradable Plastics Institute (BPI). Visit www.bpiworld.org, or call Eureka Recycling (651) 222-7678 for more information on BPI and certified compostable products.

DO NOT distribute plastic cups, plastic utensils or items wrapped in or packaged by something other than paper.

End of Event

In order to measure how close we get to our zero-waste goal, at the end of the event we will weigh all compost, recycling, and trash. To accomplish this we need all vendors and exhibitors to sort your discards carefully and place them in the appropriate containers (including trash, which should only be non-recyclable plastic); this helps us get accurate measurements. Educator volunteers will be at the zero-waste stations to ensure your discards are correctly sorted.

For more information, contact Erin Pavlica at lunawolf7@msn.com or Melissa Cortes at 651-494-7683 or melissa@hamlinemidway.org. Thank you for doing your part to make the Hamline Elementary Fall Festival an inspirational demonstration of Zero Waste!

We appreciate the support of Eureka Recycling and the City of St. Paul in making our zero waste efforts possible.