



## Want to Change the World? Help “Green” Zoobilee!

As the result of efforts of ordinary people, just like you, last year was our greenest Zoobilee yet! For the first time we diverted over 2 tons of organic waste from the landfill. The food scraps which were collected at Zoobilee composting stations, were sent to a local composting facility.

As you can imagine with over 40 food and beverage providers and 1,200 guests, Zoobilee has the potential to generate a large amount of waste. Being a trusted conservation leader, Roger Williams Park Zoo understands that conservation of wildlife requires the conservation of natural and man-made resources; therefore, we are asking for your help to minimize this waste and in turn, create a brighter future. **We are working hard to protect resources for future generations but we can't do it without you!**

Below are some tips, our food and beverage providers can use to minimize waste during Zoobilee 2017:

- When purchasing products you will use for Zoobilee, consider compostable or recyclable goods. Please contact one of the Zoo members listed below with any questions or for more information on environmentally friendly options.
- If your menu item requires paper goods not supplied by the Zoo (e.g. foil wrap or ketchup packets), or you prefer using items with your restaurant logo, please let us know. Our Event Green Team Members help guests properly dispose of their waste and if they are aware of items being used, it will eliminate confusion the night of Zoobilee.
- When serving menu items, do not automatically put a fork or spoon on the plate but have a basket of utensils available so patrons can grab one if necessary.
- Before requesting serve ware from the Zoo, determine whether your item can be served on a napkin as opposed to a plate or bowl.
- Use the trash bags provided at your Zoobilee station to separate out your recyclables from your trash.
- Zoobilee event trash stations will have barrels for (1) composting, (2) recycling and (3) landfill. Please help patrons and your serving team use these barrels properly.
- When in doubt on how to dispose of something, ask one of our Event Green Team members which can be found at the event trash stations.
- If you have ANY concerns about any of our efforts, please help us devise a solution. Our goal is to create a mutually beneficial relationship while we conserve resources.
- Don't forget that your sustainability efforts can have effects that last far longer than the night of Zoobilee!

Thanks in advance for your support in our Green Team efforts. And please don't hesitate to contact us with questions.

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