

Zero Waste

2010 Steel City Big Pour, September 11

Information for food partners and brewers

The fourth annual Steel City Big Pour is coming soon and we're all looking forward to another tremendous event. Our goal is to create one of the best craft brewing festivals in the country and we're very glad to have you on board as our partner in that effort.

One aspect that elevates our festival is our effort to make it a Zero Waste Event. We achieved this goal last year thanks to your cooperation as one of our beer and food partners.

This year we intend to do even better so we're writing to share some important aspects of the event that will affect your services on that day. There are many layers of logistics involved with creating a Zero Waste Event and you, as our partner, are at the very beginning of the chain in making those efforts truly successful. Please:

1. Construction Junction will provide you – free of charge – with compostable plates, cups, napkins, forks, and spoons, so please let us know the quantities you need by returning the enclosed form as soon as possible.
2. Plan ahead to comply with the enclosed list of Zero Waste acceptable materials. We will check in all vendors to help ensure compliance with our Zero Waste requirements.
3. Familiarize yourself and your event staff with the details of our waste management plan ahead of time. See below and check it out on www.constructionjunction.org/pages/zerowaste.

Thanks for being a part of the Big Pour. We look forward to seeing you on September 11th. Please let us know if you have any questions and **be sure to send us your order form for compostable utensils and plates as soon as possible.**

Sincerely,

David Lagnese, Board Member
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**2010 STEEL CITY BIG POUR
ZERO WASTE REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PARTNERS AND BREWERS**

WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL COMPOSTABLE PLATES, CUPS, NAPKINS, FORKS, AND SPOONS FOR THE EVENT, FREE OF CHARGE. Please fill out the order form (click the link on our website) to let us know how many of each item you will require for the entire event (total for both sessions)

When planning the transport and serving of your food, we ask that you comply with the list of materials that will – and will not – be allowed into the event.



Acceptable items that may enter the premises on the day of the event:



Cardboard or paperboard packaging/containers



Aluminum cans & plastic/glass bottles



Reusable serving/prep dishes and cutlery you need (that you do not intend to pass out to any of the patrons of the event)



toothpicks that are solid, plain wood with no plastic garnish



Less acceptable items that may enter the premises on the day of the event – we encourage each vendor to minimize use of these items for the day of the event:

- ✓ Large plastic bags for transporting items (small baggies for food are not allowed)
- ✓ Plastic containers for bulk condiments/spreads/toppings



Items not allowed into the event

- X** Plastic spoons, forks, knives
- X** Individual ketchup/mustard/mayo/etc. packets
- X** Plastic or plastic-tipped toothpicks
- X** Individually-wrapped items (e.g. cookies individually wrapped in plastic wrap)
- X** Styrofoam of any kind

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ZERO WASTE – HOW WILL IT WORK?

Logistics

We will have personnel on-site to assist with all waste collection, separation, and removal – they will be wearing highly-visible shirts so that you can easily identify them. To maximize the impact of our environmental efforts, **please direct all patrons to one of our five waste areas.** The areas will be well marked and highly conspicuous. By not handling any waste, you will have a bit more room and a bit less to worry about. When you check in, we will point out the locations of our waste stations. Throughout the event, we will work with you to help keep your tables and areas clear. If you need anything removed at any time, please just let us know.

Composting

With the support of IKEA Pittsburgh, our Zero Waste Sponsor and the services of AgRecycle, Inc., we will be composting all post-consumer food waste at this year's Big Pour. The compost waste stream will include:

- all waste food
- plates*
- cups*
- napkins*
- utensils (forks and spoons)*.

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Recycling

We will be separating all recyclables from the waste stream as we've done in the past.