



# GREEN EVENT GUIDELINES

## for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

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to protect  
America's  
National  
Parks.

### The National Park Service and Sustainability

As stewards of our national and cultural treasures, the NPS is taking a leading role in sustainability and climate change mitigation to ensure these special places are preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. The NPS encourages all visitors to adopt sustainable practices in order to help maintain these beautiful spaces.

### Green Event Guidelines for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Special events in the GGNRA can contribute to the park's sustainability goals by following these Green Event Guidelines.

Regardless of the size of your event, the attached Checklist will have recommendations that you can incorporate into your event planning. Certain events may be required to follow these recommendations more closely.

### All permitted events are required to manage and remove event trash and recyclables

Landfills are a major source of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Help the GGNRA and the City of San Francisco achieve zero landfill waste by 2020. You can help divert waste from the landfill by recycling or composting the waste from your event.

- Items that can be recycled in the Bay Area include glass, all plastics #1-7, metals, and paper. Recycled items must be free of food waste.
- Many Bay Area jurisdictions now accept compostable items. These include food scraps, food-soiled paper products, and biobased items marked "compostable".
- Color-coded bins should be placed in convenient locations (**blue** is for recyclables, **green** is for compostables, and **black** for landfill).
- Do not use existing park bins. They are allocated for visitors not attending a special event.
- Bring separate containers for trash and recyclables. You can purchase cardboard recycle/compost/landfill receptacles with pre-printed labels from [Recology](http://Recology.com) (415) 330-1315.
- Large events may be required to hire an Event Greener. See the list on the next page for all Greeners who operate in park boundaries. These companies ensure that no recyclables and compostables go to the landfill.

## Signage

Proper signage is important for diverting waste and communicating your message. Feel free to use the signs provided below:

- [Printable Pre-made Compost/Recycle/Landfill Signs](#)
- [Blank Posters to create your own Composting, Recycling, & Landfill Signs](#)
- [Signmaker Tool](#) - Create your own 8.5"x11" recycling and composting signs
- [Table Tent Sign](#)

## Event Greeners

### San Francisco Only

- [SF Conservation Corp](#) - Tomer Shapira ([tshapira@sfcc.org](mailto:tshapira@sfcc.org)): (415) 928-7417 x320
- [SF Clean City Coalition](#) - Gia Grant ([info@sfcleancity.com](mailto:info@sfcleancity.com)): (415) 552-9201

### Marin County Only

- [Conservation Corps North Bay](#) - Anja Wehrmann ([awehrmann@conservationcorpsnorthbay.org](mailto:awehrmann@conservationcorpsnorthbay.org)): (415) 454-4554 x284

### Park-Wide

- [Community Housing Partnership](#) - Kelly Meehan ([kmeehan@chp-sf.org](mailto:kmeehan@chp-sf.org)): (415) 749-2790 x359
- [Green Mary](#) - Mary Munat ([mary@green-mary.com](mailto:mary@green-mary.com)): (707) 548-7582
- [Waste Busters](#) - Mike Siminitus ([michael@wastebusers.info](mailto:michael@wastebusers.info)): (530) 219-3676
- [Clean Vibes](#) - Anna Borosfky ([info@cleanvibes.com](mailto:info@cleanvibes.com)): (828) 738-3817
- [Revolutionary Green](#) - Teresa Bradley ([info@revolutionarygreensolutions.com](mailto:info@revolutionarygreensolutions.com)): (415) 377-8931

## Waste Haulers

If your event does not require an event greener, please dispose of your trash, recyclables, and compost with a waste hauler in the area.

### San Francisco

- [Recology](#) - Robert Reed ([rreed@recology.com](mailto:rreed@recology.com)): (415) 715-6270

### Marin County

- [Mill Valley Refuse Service](#) - James Iavarone ([jiavarone@millvalleyrefuse.com](mailto:jiavarone@millvalleyrefuse.com)): (415) 457-9760 x12
- [Marin Sanitary Service](#) - Kim Shibley: (415) 456-2601
- [Redwood Empire Disposal](#) - Matt Peterson: (707) 585-0291

### San Mateo County

- [Recology San Mateo](#) - Gino Gasparini ([ggasparini@recology.com](mailto:ggasparini@recology.com)): (650) 598-8254

# GGNRA GREEN EVENT CHECKLIST

## Prior to the Event

- Make sure all items purchased for the event are recyclable, compostable, or reusable.
- Avoid using Styrofoam products, as they cannot be recycled.
- Encourage environmentally friendly forms of transportation like carpooling, biking, and public transportation.
- Order **Trash/Recycling/Compost** services and appropriate debris boxes, carts or event cardboard boxes at least 30 days prior to the event.
- Consider hiring a registered Event Greener, an organization that provides recycling and composting services at events (see previous page) or designate a waste-services coordinator to help organize landfill/recycling/composting diversion.
- Recruit volunteers to help monitor bins. Volunteers can be found at [www.onebrick.org](http://www.onebrick.org) and [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org).
- Require vendors to recycle all remains at the event.
- Give vendors/event staff/volunteers instructions so they know before the event starts what materials go where and the location of debris boxes.
- Use compostable bioware for the event, or better yet reusable dining-ware . The fewer disposable items, the better. Here is a current list of [vendors and suppliers](#) of approved food service ware.

## During the Event

- Clearly mark where recycling, compost and landfill bins are located.
- Always group landfill, recycling, and composting together with clear and identifiable signage.
- Make sure compost bins are lined with compostable bags, not plastic ones.
- Recycling bins can be lined with clear plastic bags or no liner. Plastic bags must be emptied and either reused or disposed in landfill bin.
- Sort waste during the event as it is being thrown away.

## After the Event

- Sort materials again before placing in debris boxes for best diversion savings.
- Cardboard should be flattened and stacked by vendors/clean-up crew and brought to recycling bins.

**Note:** Compostable products, including cups and bags must be clearly marked “Compostable”. Products labeled “biodegradable” or “degradable” are not accepted into the compost.