Reduce your costs and waste at Town Day!

*Participate in the **Reduce Single-Use** Takeout Waste Reduction Pilot a partnership of Zero Waste Arlington and the Town Day Committee*

Reduce your costs and help lower waste by serving meals/beverages in reusable containers.

Benefits

- **Reduce costs** of takeout containers/cups and single-use accessories (forks, napkins, straws, condiments, etc.).
- Receive **free publicity** from Zero Waste Arlington, who will publicize participating restaurants in the weeks leading up to Town Day.
- Demonstrate to customers that **reducing waste matters** to you and your business.

How it works

Participating food vendors agree to do the following at their Town Day booth:

- Fulfill orders in reusable containers - provided to your business for **FREE** - for customers ordering with a special ticket.
- Give out single-use takeout accessories (forks, napkins, straws, condiments, etc.) **only by request**.
- Display a *Reduce Single-Use* program participation sign.
- Zero Waste Arlington will manage all logistics of customer sign-up, ticket distribution, container distribution to booths and collection of soiled containers.
- **New this year!** Zero Waste Arlington has simplified the customer sign-up process to encourage more residents to choose to reuse.
- Contact zerowastearlington@gmail.com to participate.

Zero Waste Arlington strives to continuously reduce Arlington's waste. This pilot program demonstrates progress on this goal by piloting Zero Waste strategies that are increasingly being adopted at community events across the country.

Visit www.zerowastearlington.org or email zerowastearlington@gmail.com for more information.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What do the reusable containers look like?
Two reusable container options are available:

9” x 6” with lid attached

9” x 9” with lid attached

16 oz clear cup

What does it cost food vendors to participate?
This pilot is free for participating food vendors. They simply need to fulfill orders in reusable containers to any resident who signs up for the program and presents a special ticket.

Who washes the reusable containers?
Food vendors will not be responsible for cleaning the containers from Town Day. Zero Waste Arlington will provide participating vendors with clean, sanitized reusable containers on Town Day. They will also provide a collection point for dirty containers and collect them for cleaning. The reusable containers have been approved for use by the Board of Health.

How will this work at Town Day?
Customers sign up at Town Day - either at the Zero Waste Arlington *Reduce Single-Use* booth or through volunteers stationed near participating vendors. Once signed up, customers will receive a ticket to present to participating vendors. Food vendors will collect the tickets and serve the meal/beverage in reusable containers (one container per ticket). It will be as simple as choosing a reusable container over a single-use container when packing the customer’s order.

How do vendors sign up to participate in the pilot?
Contact zerowastearlington@gmail.com.

How do customers sign up?

1. Sign-up at Town Day via an app at the Zero Waste Arlington *Reduce Single-Use* booth or via volunteers stationed near participating vendors.
2. Provide a credit card to secure the container. It’s free as long as the container is returned at Town Day!
3. Receive a ticket to use at participating restaurants.
4. Purchase takeout food from a participating vendor, provide a ticket to the vendor and receive food in a reusable container.
5. Return the soiled reusable takeout container to the Zero Waste Arlington *Reduce Single-Use* booth at Town Day. Customers are only charged for unreturned containers.

Can restaurants offer reusable takeout containers regularly at their restaurant?
Yes! The Roasted Granola in Arlington has been offering reusable takeout containers for nearly two years, in partnership with another Arlington business (Recirclable). Reach out to either business to learn more!