

# Bainbridge Island School District's

## Waste Management Guidance for Facility Users

Thank you for doing your part to reduce our impact on the environment by adhering to BISD's Waste Management procedures. On the following page, you will find a graphic that describes what materials can be put in our **recycling, compost, and trash bins**. In addition, the following suggestions can help you minimize waste and maximize reuse and recycling:

- It is better to REUSE than recycle. Consider washable tableware, such as metal utensils, cloth napkins, table linens and reusable dishes. To cut down on washing needs, you can ask participants to bring their own dishware. A great place to find reusable tableware for your event is the [Bainbridge Island Zero Waste tableware lending library](#).
- Reduce food waste and some tableware needs by serving finger foods or bite-sized portions.
- If you bring disposable dishware to an event at our facility, choose plain, uncoated *paper* products, which can be placed in our compost after use. Note: Coffee cups may only go in compost if they are labeled with the word "compostable"; otherwise, they go in the trash. Also, Bainbridge composting CANNOT accept corn-based plastic (#7 PLA) clear cups, clear containers or utensils. They must also be trashed, so please opt for uncoated paper or paper containers labeled "compostable". If in doubt, contact [bizerowaste@sustainablebainbridge.org](mailto:bizerowaste@sustainablebainbridge.org) before purchasing.
- For cold drinks served in cups, clear PET (#1) plastic cups are recyclable IF they are clean (no liquid or food residue; if soiled, throw in trash).
- Before recycling, pour all liquids from bottles and #1 clear cups into compost, then place them in recycling, with their caps screwed back ON.
- Never put food-contaminated containers into recycling; if you cannot get them clean, it is better to place them in trash than have them contaminate recycling.

# Where does it go?



## recycle

- **EMPTY** plastic bottles and jugs, caps **ON**
- **EMPTY**, clean #1 plastic cups (**NO** lids/straws)
- **EMPTY**, clean #5 plastic tubs
- **EMPTY** cans
- **DRY** paper
- Flattened boxes



## trash

- Coffee cups and lids
- Paper plates **with PLASTIC** coating
- Paper cups
- Plastic cups, NOT #1
- Plastic cups, plastic lids and plastic utensils labeled “compostable”
- Plastic straws and lids



## compost

- Paper plates with **NO plastic** coating
- **ALL FOOD** and liquid
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Pizza boxes, no plastic insert
- Coffee grounds
- Paper cups marked “compostable”



## grocery store

- **CLEAN** stretchable plastic film and bags