



WASTE POLICY

This market aims to become a well-known plastic-bagLESS WASTE-WISE event to benefit us, the community and its environment. Any strategically positioned 3-bin Waste-Station will contain:

The Following items go in the **YELLOW RECYCLING** bin:

- ✓ Clean cardboard & paper (including paperboard milk/juice containers)
- ✓ Empty plastic containers that had a screw-top lid
- ✓ Empty metal cans (aluminium or steel)
- ✓ CARDBOARD boxes.

The Following items can go in the **GREEN COMPOST** collection bin:

- ✓ Food-waste (fruit, veg, meat or bones)
- ✓ Compostable plates, cups and cutlery
- ✓ Compostable napkins and paper bags

The Following items must go in the **RED LANDFILL** bin:

- ✓ Anything that is not stated above should go into Landfill
- ✓ If in doubt, throw it out (as contaminating Recycling or Composting systems costs us all!)

Tips for ways you may be able to avoid or minimise packaging: CONVENTIONAL ITEMS to AVOID WASTE-WISE ALTERNATIVES to USE.

- ✓ Polystyrene, including clam shells, plates, bowls & cups & aluminium foil trays Recommended compostable clams, plates, bowls or cups. Offer on a serviette instead to be composted
- ✓ Plastic Bags Provide compostable/Reusable paper or cornstarch bag. Ask customers to bring/ use their own bag next market. Provide/sell reusable shopping bag.
- ✓ Individually packaged condiments e.g. sugar / salt & pepper / sauce sachets Ask and include sugar within drink as requested. Provide bulk shakers or dispensers to share (cheaper too) Coffee cup lids Not necessary if not requested (best if made of compostable material) (plastic lids must go in red bin).
- ✓ Plastic stirrers or spoons for hot drinks Ask and include sugar within drink. Only provide if requested and/or provide a re-washable spoon or wooden stirrer.
- ✓ Straws Only provide if requested and/or use paper straws.

If you need further information regarding compostable disposable food containers, please contact: Gavin Hughes - Waste Strategy & Education Officer - (02) 6566 2416 or 0478 323 765 - Kempsey Shire Council