

# Special Events Recycling

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## Scope of Project

- USDA-funded
- Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont
- 2 Events/state
  - 1 agricultural fair
  - 1 other event (flower show, crafts fair, community celebration)

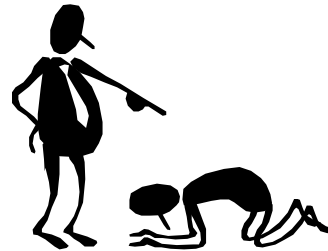


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## Purpose & Strategy Used



Encourage greater recycling at special events without browbeating



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## Approach with Event Organizers

- Initiated contact with state recycling agency
- Made no demands
- Requested permission to conduct waste sort
- Provided organizer with Recycling Plan
- Offered assistance



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## Waste Streams Identified

- Beverage Containers
- Cardboard
- Vendor Food Containers
- Food
- Food Serving Packaging
- Grease
- Paper (i.e., programs and fliers)
- Wood – pallets, lumber, spools
- Manure
- Mulch
- Plant pots
- Cut trees
- Car parts
- Regulated waste – auto oil, oil filters, fluorescent bulbs, mercury-containing switches, batteries
- Amusing, dangerous, and nasty

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## Recycling Planning Worksheet

Tool for event organizers to assess event waste and plan for future recycling.

- Waste Generation – organizers, vendor and participant
- Waste Haulers
- Related Costs
- Recycling Targets
- Point People

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## Other Tools



- Recycling Budget Form
- Waste Conversion Factors
- Hauler Lingo Definitions

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## BMPs Guide for Special Event- Generated Waste in Rural Communities

[www.nerc.org/adobe/Special\\_Event\\_BMPs\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.nerc.org/adobe/Special_Event_BMPs_FINAL.pdf)

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