



Non Food & Drink Trader Sustainability Policy

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1. Introduction

We are committed to reducing the impact the Lambeth Country Show (LCS) has on the environment — reducing travel miles, environment impacts and maintaining welfare standards, and managing our operations sustainably. As a concession you play a crucial role. We always welcome feedback on what we are doing and how it affects you, as well as new ideas, so please get in touch.

2. Overview of Essential Sustainability Criteria to Trade

1. All concessions must adhere to the compostable or wooden serve-ware and packaging guidelines. “biodegradable” is not acceptable. Also “Compostable” bio / corn starch plastics which require special composting facilities are NOT permitted.
2. No single use plastic packaging on products or single use plastic carrier bags are permitted.
3. No plastic tags or labels are permitted.
4. All traders must use the recycling systems provided behind their stalls.
5. No bottled water or drinks of any type in plastic disposable bottles are permitted to be sold at the event.

Please note that failure to adhere to any of the above will result in the loss of your **Trader and Exhibitor Deposit** and will affect applications to trade at future events.

3. Product Sourcing Policy

We are committed to sourcing responsibly. We recognise that sourcing decisions affect margins but are keen to not have cheap, mass produced, high carbon footprint products being sold at the event. We are after handmade, fair trade, environmentally conscious products.

4. Water

Only canned water ordered through us is allowed to be sold onsite. Traders can order cases of 24 x 330ml cans on application for £12 per case. This water must then be sold at a value of £1 per can to the public. No more, no less. Cases of water can be picked up on site once they have been paid for.

Aluminium cans have the highest recycling rate of any drink on the market, far higher than glass or plastic and so represents the most ecological way to address the issue of single use plastics on site for us, which has historically been plastic bottles. The sale of any other branded water on site is not permitted.

5. Single Use Plastics

2019 saw the implementation of a site wide ban on the sale of single use plastics across all major events within Lambeth, starting with LCS. Those businesses affected by this new policy will need to seek out **compostable** alternatives. Again, **please note this is different to ‘biodegradable’, which is not permitted**. Our sustainability officer will be paying particular attention to the following items so please make an effort to find suitable alternatives. By signing up to trade at the show, you are agreeing to adhere to our sustainability policies. Disregard for these will lead to loss of your deposit and forfeit applying for any future events.

Prohibited items:

- Plastic bottles
- Plastic carrier bags
- Plastic plant pots
- Plastic wrapping/product packaging
- Plastic Clothing tags
- Glitter

6. Packaging Policy

We aim to recycle and compost as much as possible. It is essential that everyone uses the correct packaging when selling products at LCS. Please note that packaging will be checked onsite before permission is granted to open.

Permissible packaging:

- Paper carrier bags
- Compostable plant pots
- Compostable or card clothing tags



Banned serve-ware types:

- No cornstarch / bio-Plastic allowed to be used on site
- No expanded polystyrene
- No plastic bags
- No disposable plastic bottles of any type
- No plastics of any type including PET, rPET or HPDE

If you have any queries about whether you are using the correct materials contact your supplier and check that what you are buying conforms to EN13432.

7. Recycling Systems

We have ambitious recycling targets and we also aim to achieve Zero Waste to Landfill within the next five years. This requires separating all of our waste streams onsite. We realise it can be difficult as each festival you attend may have a different system. Because of this we aim to be very clear about what we expect and the Recycling Liaison Team will be around throughout the event to offer support.

| TYPE OF WASTE | HOW TO RECYCLE |
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| Mixed dry recyclables: Plastic, cans, tins, tetra pak and glass | You will be provided with a re-usable container for mixed dry recyclables by the Recycling Team, and they will be collected daily from your stall. |
| Food waste, compostable serve-ware and compostable packaging | Please bring your own bin; these can be decanted into 240-lidded wheelie bins behind each cluster of stalls or individual stalls where waste collection is higher. Plastic liners are not to be used. |
| Cardboard | You will be provided with sacks behind each cluster of stalls – please break down/fold boxes and deposit on a daily basis. |
| Other waste | You will be provided with some bags for ‘residual waste’, which will be collected directly from the rear of your stall by the Recycling Team. |

Our onsite Recycling Team will offer advice and help onsite, and provide you with an A4 sheet of the recycling instructions to be placed at your stall for staff. If you do not have the necessary resources as above, please advise a member of staff. It is your responsibility to ensure your staff recycle and keep waste streams separate. Your Deposit will only be returned if you recycle effectively *and* leave your pitch in an acceptable state – completely litter free. A sign-off from your Market Manager is required at the end of the event. Your Deposit will not be returned without a sign-off signature.

8. Green Trader Awards: Celebrating Your Efforts

We are rewarding the most sustainable trader with a half price pitch the following year. We are also running the 'best improver' award – the winner receives a 10% pitch fee reduction to next year. We'll come round to do the assessment early in the weekend, but remember this is your chance to show off about all the great green stuff you do.

9. Readiness to Open – Onsite Checks

As part of your application this year we ask you most of the sustainability questions we need to know. Please note that we do check, so we expect your operation to reach the standards you have claimed if you are successful. Our Trader Sustainability Guru will come and say hello before you open and give you a '**Green and Ready**' certificate – this is part of the requirement for readiness to open, along with the usual safety checks. If you are selling meat, dairy, tea, coffee, fish or eggs we will ask to see your supplier receipts as proof of origin.

Thank you for reading 😊

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact info@lambethcountryshow.co.uk

