**These regulations and guidelines form one component of Food Vendor contractual commitments to the Mariposa Folk Festival (MFF). They have been established to ensure that vendors adhere to all regulations and guidelines related to Festival Greening as required by MFF. By submitting an application, you are committing to conducting your business in accordance with all Food Vending regulations and guidelines.**

**DISPENSING OF FOOD ITEMS:**

**Vendors may purchase serving ware from any company of their choosing but must supply proof that it is an acceptable BPI CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE line when submitting receipt of purchase to the office. No other serving ware or utensils may be brought onto the grounds.**

**Note: all serving ware includes forks, knives, spoons, plates, bowls, cups, straws, stir sticks (and any other item involved in food dispensing).**

* **It is essential that you are clear about your needs when purchasing product so that all serving ware meets BPI certified compostable requirements.**
* Conditionally accepted applicants are required to place an order with one of the above approved suppliers for an adequate supply of all necessary serving ware, in order to receive final approval for participation in festival.
* **A copy of the greenware order must be sent to** **reception@mariposafolk.com** **by April 24, 2023. Failure to do so may result in withdrawal of vendor conditional acceptance.**
* If vendors have product left over from a previous year and intend to use it, proof of purchase from one of the approved product lines **must still be provided, with a notation of intentions**.
* Greenware must remain unaltered to preserve its’ compostable properties. No use of labels, business stickers, flags, etc. will be permitted.
* **Please note – Vendors must order adequate supplies to meet their needs for the entire weekend.**

**DISPENSING OF BEVERAGES**

* **No** **bottled water** is allowed for sale by vendors. Potable Water is provided on site. Vendors are encouraged to bring reusable containers for personal use. **Vendors found with plastic water bottles in their waste stream will be fined $50 (taken from deposit).**
* With the exception of water, sealed beverages may be sold to patrons in plastic, glass or cans as long as the container is recyclable.
* Vendors are required to honour the use of personal coffee mugs and bottles by patrons and must dispense product in these containers if requested to do so by the patron.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT:**

* Vendors are required to set up a waste management system within their booth. This must include separate receptacles for each of compost, recycling, and garbage. This will minimize the chances of cross-contamination of waste streams.
* MFF will provide each vendor with a green bin, a recycle box and clear plastic garbage bags for regular garbage. Please note that these vendor receptacles are intended for use **within** vendor booth. **Vendors will be held responsible if the sorting bins are located outside of their booth and are contaminated by patrons.**
* MFF volunteers will be checking at festival outset, and periodically throughout the festival to make sure that waste is being properly sorted, to offer support, and to answer any questions.
* Large waste diversion containers, exclusively for vendor use, will be located directly behind each ‘row’ of Vendors. There will be four large containers, one for each of the waste streams: Compost, Recycling, Garbage and large cardboard items.
* Vendors must carefully sort and place all waste from their booth in the appropriate communal vendor containers
* Waste pick-up from these food vending waste stations will be ongoing at no charge. Vendors are asked to notify MFF volunteers when these containers are nearing 2/3 full. This will allow the Greening volunteers time to collect the waste, avoiding the bin becoming unusable.
* Vendor’s site, including the area immediately behind and adjacent to the booth, must be free of garbage and debris throughout, and after each festival day.

**WASTE SORTING GUIDELINES**:

* Vendors are expected to separate **ALL** food preparation waste into the identified streams. It is essential that there are no mixed bags of combined compost, recycling and garbage.
* Further education regarding sorting of waste into the approved streams will be provided to vendors at the pre festival meeting.
* **Anyone found not separating waste as per guidelines will be fined $50 per occurrence, which will be deducted from their vendor security deposit and will also risk future event exclusion**

**LARGE CARDBOARD DISPOSAL:**

* Vendors will be responsible for breaking down (flattening) all cardboard containers, removing any plastic wrapping or windows and placing the cardboard in the large bin provided.

**NOT ACCEPTED IN MFF WASTE STREAM:**

* All cooking oils must be taken by the Vendor from the MFF site. No oil will be accepted in the waste diversion program.

Please note that **email is the main mode of communication between vendors and festival organizers**. Please ensure that your email contact information is accurate. Please note, that we are volunteers, and as such **cannot guarantee immediate response to queries and concerns, so plan accordingly**.

**Failure to comply with the above 2023 Food Vendor Greening Guidelines, along with the Food Vending General Guidelines and Food Vending Electrical and Utilities Guidelines may result in forfeit of security deposit, forfeit of space for the day and/or weekend, and exclusion from all future events.**