

Zero Waste Gatherings Guide



Drinks

BEST



- Reusable cups and mugs
- Reusable cup share program

ACCEPTABLE



- Paper cups, including those lined with compostable or other permitted plastic*
- Cups and lids made from easily recyclable plastic, such as PET (#1), HDPE (#2) and PP (#5)

AVOID



- Polystyrene foam cups
- Hard-to-recycle plastic cups and lids, including those made with MFPP, compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

Food

BEST



- Reusable dishes (e.g. plates, bowls)
- Reusable container share program
- Reusable containers (e.g. Tupperware) brought by community members

ACCEPTABLE



- Paper or plant-fibre containers, including those lined with compostable or other permitted plastic*
- Aluminium foil containers
- Containers made from easily recyclable plastic, such as PET (#1), HDPE (#2) and PP (#5)

AVOID



- Polystyrene foam containers
- Hard-to-recycle plastic containers and lids, including those made with MFPP, compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

Utensils

BEST



- Reusable cutlery, including chopsticks

ACCEPTABLE



- Uncoated wood utensils, distributed only on request or at a self-serve station

AVOID



- Plastic utensils, including those made with compostable, biodegradable or oxo-degradable plastic

Bags

BEST



- Reusable bags brought by community members
- Reusable bag share program

ACCEPTABLE



- Reusable bags on request
- Paper bags (at least 40% recycled content) on request

AVOID



- Plastic bags

* Plastic-lined paper packaging should be cleaned and recycled, not composted.



LITTLE
RIPPLES MAKE
BIG CHANGE

Ready to reduce plastic waste?

CLEANBC PLASTICS ACTION FUND

alacritycanada.com/plasticsactionfund

Funding is available

If you're ready to move away from single-use plastics, the CleanBC Plastics Action Fund can help. More than **\$20 million is currently available** in four categories, including Indigenous-led projects.

Make your idea a reality

Maybe you'd like to host zero-waste gatherings, with reusable dishes and a filling station that will finally let you do away with disposable water bottles. Or purchase a set of reusable containers to use for leftovers at community events.

The Plastics Action Fund could cover up to 80% of the project cost to reduce plastic waste. Previous projects have received from \$50,000 to over \$200,000 to cover costs for commercial dishwashers to recycling stations and education for community events.

If it's Indigenous-led and it reduces plastic waste, you're eligible to apply

The Indigenous Projects funding category is for Indigenous-led projects that aim to reduce waste through reuse, recycling, remanufacturing or repair. B.C. communities, businesses, schools and other organizations that self-identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit are eligible. Funded projects must be complete by February 28, 2026.



Apply before December 2, 2024

More details on the program and how to apply can be found in the Indigenous Program Guide at alacritycanada.com/plasticsactionfund.

For help completing your proposal, contact the Indigenous Zero Waste Technical Advisory Group (IZWTAG) at tania.solonas@izwtag.com.

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