Broomfield Days Food Vendor
100% Zero Waste Participation Agreement

Dear Vendor:

Thank you for your interest in participating at Broomfield Days! We are proud to announce that this event will be a **Zero Waste event**.

The goal at a Zero Waste event is to plan ahead and **distribute only materials that are recyclable or compostable** (not any materials that will be landfilled). "Zero Waste Stations" consisting of a recycling bin and compost bin will be available to participants at numerous locations throughout the park. As a food vendor handing out products at this event, **you are <u>the key</u>** to the success of our Zero Waste initiative.

Food vendors attending Broomfield Days are required to hand out only recyclable or compostable materials to the public. We have included local recycling and composting guidelines with this contract so you know which types of containers and packaging will be acceptable to distribute.

Remember, if an item is not recyclable locally, we cannot recycle it, even if your supplier has told you it can be recycled. If you have any questions as to whether your items are considered recyclable or compostable, please call Carolyn Johnson at 303-460-6923 or Tony Spease at 303-460-6932. We will answer your questions and help you understand your important role in this Zero Waste event. **Please note that you will be asked to remove any non-recyclable or non-compostable items from your salable products for the duration of the event. You will only be allowed to distribute recyclable or compostable products.**

The City and County of Broomfield can supply you with your compostable service ware for this event. Attached you will find a list of service ware that is available through your event coordinator. We will take orders starting April 1 thru August 9, 2013. Orders will be available for pick up starting September 4, 2013 and must be paid in full at the time of pick up. All payments must be made by check, cash or money order only. Orders placed after August 9 will be assessed a late charge and may not be available for pick up until the week of September 9, 2013.

Your signature on the vendor application acknowledges that you will abide by all Zero Waste guidelines and requirements. We look forward to working with you to make this a successful Zero Waste event.

Our Zero Waste goal is simple to attain if you plan ahead of time the kinds of materials you will be providing to the public at the event. Here are some ideas that can help you achieve this goal:

- Offer finger foods so as to use fewer utensils.
- Consider replacing plastic bowls (for serving chili and soups) with bread bowls and using cones for ice cream.
- Paper napkins are compostable and can replace bulkier plates.
- **<u>Do not</u> use Styrofoam or plastic**. Please use recyclable or compostable alternatives.
- Most candy wrappers, energy bars, chip bags and packaging from pre-packaged food are trash items. To avoid this issue, buy the item in bulk (e.g. a large bag of chips) and distribute the item to the public in small paper containers.
- Use bulk condiments instead of individual packages.

Unfortunately, we can not compost or recycle CANDY WRAPPERS of any kind. Please consider the health of our participants and the environment and avoid including individually wrapped candy at your booth or in the parade.

The following items can be ordered through the recreation department for this event: Hot and Cold cups, utensils, plates, and napkins. For a complete list of items and sizes please contact Carolyn Johnson at 303-460-6923 or cjohnson@broomfield.org.

Other Local Sources of Compostable Serviceware:

Eco-Products (Boulder, CO) http://ecoproducts.com/ 303-449-1876	**Green Logic** (Ft. Collins, CO) http://www.green-logic.net/compostable-tableware.html 970-484-1740

Guidelines for Containers and Service Ware for Zero Waste Events

Acceptable Items – YES!	Not Acceptable Items - NO
All paper containers including plates, bowls, cups, etc. These items have no plastic coating on them.	Styrofoam (polystyrene). It is not recyclable, regardless of what your suppliers may tell you and despite any recycling symbols on the product. Plastic coated paper products are not acceptable.
Paper lids or starch based lids.	No plastic lids
Paper milk cartons and drink boxes	No foil drink pouches
Compostable containers, dishware and utensils made from plant starches	No fast food cups, paper packages or containers, plastic cutlery, or small deli cups (used for salsa or syrup)
Plastic bottles and Jugs # 1-7 (no lids)	No plastic bags or any kind
Glass bottles and jars	No straws
Plastic tubs and screw top jars # 1-7	No twist ties, twine or plastic rope
Paper napkins and paper towels	No candy wrappers
Waxed coated cardboard boxes such as frozen hot dog or hamburger boxes	No individual chip packages, individual condiment packages
Aluminum foil and cans (do not crush cans)	No Frozen food packaging
Metal jar lids and steel bottle caps	
Brown paper bags and corrugated cardboard	