

# Zero Waste Events

## Whole Earth Festival (WEF)

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# UC Davis Zero Waste Events

- Several large scale Zero Waste events
  - Picnic Day
  - Homecoming Events
  - Home Football Games
  - Resource Fairs
  - Whole Earth Festival (WEF)
- Vendor/Sponsor Cooperation – reducing landfill materials
- Operational support – compostable & recyclable material collections

# Whole Earth Festival

- Annual 3-day eco-friendly event during Mother's Day Weekend in May
- Music, Food and Fun!
- Opportunity to learn about reducing and recovering waste



# Zero Waste Support at the Festival

- Staff and volunteers – majority students
- Active monitoring
- Food/Drink Vendors



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# On-site Waste Audits

- Food scraps and compostable materials sorted on site during event
- Sorting done primarily by volunteers
- Regularly achieve +95% diversion rate



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# Whole Earth Reusables Cooperative

- Cooperative stores a set of reusables for zero waste events
- Use during a few smaller events throughout the year
- Primarily used during Whole Earth Festival

# Whole Earth Reusables Cooperative

- Deposit System
  - Customers pay extra \$1.00 as deposit for each plate or utensil when buying food
  - Deposit is returned when dish or utensil is returned to designated return station
  - Benefit: high rate of returns



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- Rental System (as of 2012)
  - Dishes are rented out by bucket
  - Elimination of individual dollar deposit system





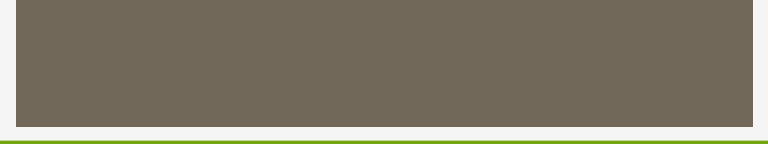
- Dishes and utensils are washed throughout event



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