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Sample Language for Waste Collection, Management & Disposal

The Alliance wants those who live, work, and play within its 13-member towns to participate in keeping valuable materials out of landfills. Event venues can be some of the most challenging places to ensure this happens. It is the responsibility of municipalities, public and private venues to require those using their spaces to host events to properly manage their solid waste, including recycling and food scrap diversion. We are providing sample language for institutions and public venue spaces to adopt to maintain standards for recycling and food waste management requirements and that assure good collection practices and compliance with Vermont's solid waste laws.

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(NAME OF VENUE) requires compliance with Vermont's solid waste laws as a condition of using the property. Our requirements include:

1. Mandatory recyclables and food scraps must be collected separately from trash and kept as free from contamination as possible while awaiting pick up or delivery to the appropriate facility.
2. Trash and recycling receptacles for use by event attendees and staff must be provided in equal number and must be placed as close to each other as possible for equally convenient access. Bathrooms are excluded from this requirement.
3. All containers for trash, recyclables, and compostables should have separate color designation and labeling for ease of identification. It is recommended that additional signing be posted showing what material is acceptable in each container.
4. Plastic bags must not be put in dumpsters with recyclable or compostable materials.
 - a. If recyclables are collected in bags, the bags must be emptied into the dumpster.
 - b. Compostable materials can be collected and transported in bags that are clearly labeled as BPI CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE. Bags labeled "degradable" or any other version of that are not acceptable and must be emptied into the dumpster.

(THE PERMIT HOLDER) is responsible for ensuring compliance by all staff, volunteers, performers, vendors, guests, and other visitors to the property.

The Alliance offers technical assistance, training, container labels, and other resources at no cost to help you understand and fulfill these requirements. Visit bcswa.org, or contact Paula Kamperman at (518) 788-2553, or paulakamperman@gmail.com