



St Albans
City & District Council

Interim Sustainability, Waste and Recycling policy for
St Albans Street Festivals 2023

General Information:

The following items may not be used to package and sell items at St Albans Street Festivals:

- Plastic cutlery and coffee stirrers
- Plastic plates
- Plastic drinks bottles
- Plastic bags
- Plastic straws
- Any polystyrene items

Traders are asked to consider the environment when choosing how best to package takeaway food for sale.

Consider aluminium containers: light food residue from these can be washed and they can be recycled by our contractors Veolia. If you are using cardboard and pizza boxes, please line the box with a compostable deli sheet which can be discarded with food waste. Otherwise, the boxes become too soiled to be recycled. Please consider offering paper plates as an alternative to pizza boxes, as these are very bulky and can take up a lot of space in our recycling points. This can result in other recyclables being dumped in with landfill.

We are interested in working with traders who are considering sustainability when sourcing, transporting, packaging and displaying their products. We particularly welcome those who want to share inspiration and best practice with their fellow traders. Please feel free to let us know how you will contribute to making this as sustainable an event as possible by emailing festivaltraders@stalbans.gov.uk with your ideas.

"Compostable" packaging:

As no large-scale facilities are available for us to use to dispose of compostable packaging, this kind of packaging may not be used at St Albans street festivals.

Waste:

The following recycling bins will be provided at the event; Cans & Plastics, Food, Cardboard & Paper and General Waste. Please be mindful of this when considering the packaging of your products. Suppliers whose packaging or associated waste is considered problematic may not be considered for future events.

Balloons:

The only balloons which are permitted to be sold at St Albans Street Events are those which are made of biodegradable materials.