

Kick the Game Day Party Trash to the Curb Plastic Cups and Utensils Are NOT Recyclable Curbside

Cleveland, Ohio -- The big football game is coming and the excitement is growing! But the big game and the parties that accompany it generate a lot of trash.

Unfortunately, all disposable paper and plastic cups cannot be recycled. Do not place them in with curbside recycling. Make sure the red plastic cups (and all other colors) plus plastic utensils and disposable plates make it into the trash instead.

Here's how you can be prepared to tackle waste and recycle right during football's main event on Sunday, February 3:

1. Choose reusable cups and utensils instead of buying single-use disposable plastic varieties that can't be recycled curbside. If you need more than you have on hand, you can usually buy them very inexpensively at thrift, discount and secondhand shops. After your party, just put them in the dishwasher - instead of sending them off to the landfill - and store them in a box until your next event.
2. Consider a decorative or event-themed reusable cup as a fun party favor (and have a marker available so each guest can write their name on their cup). These are often used for years - instead of hours.
3. Get out the old china dishes. Avoid using paper plates and foil pans - none are recyclable. If you are packaging leftovers, reuse plastic containers or glass jars instead of throw-away alternatives.
4. Serve beverages from aluminum cans and glass bottles that can be placed in your curbside recycling during and after the party. Make sure to place a well-marked recycling bin (labeled for empty cans and bottles) right next to the trash can.

About The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the public agency helping the people of Cuyahoga County reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work and in our communities. We serve as the leading resource in the County for information, expertise and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste.

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