

Zero Waste Volunteer Training Guide



VegFest 2018



**Hey there! Thanks for being a zero waste volunteer!
We're excited to have you helping out. Here's a quick
guide to help you during your shift!**

Waste reduction is an important component of a healthy, sustainable community...



And what better place than **VegFest** to demonstrate this??



As you may know, at VegFest we are striving to make this a **REDUCED WASTE EVENT THIS YEAR.**

That means we want to divert **CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES, CARDBOARD, OFFICE TYPE PAPER, CARTONS AND FOOD** from the waste generated here through recycling & composting



As a zero waste volunteer,
you play a **HUGE** role in
helping reach this
REDUCED WASTE waste
goal.



For this event to truly be
reduced waste, our recycling
and compost streams
MUST be free of
contamination. So.....

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to oversee a VegFest reduced waste station and educate participants on what is and is not recyclable, what is compostable and what is landfill trash.



It is extremely important that folks dispose of the right items in the correct bins to avoid contamination and help us reduce as much waste as possible.

Recyclables we are collecting at this event:



ALL CANS



PAPER



**PLASTIC BOTTLES,
TUBS, JUGS, ALL
WITH THE LID ON**



CARDBOARD



CARTONS

Paper that is **not** **recycleable** at this event:



FACIAL TISSUE –
HOWEVER THE
BOX IS
RECYCLABLE



PAPER TOWELS
– BUT THE
PAPER THE
TOWELS COME
IN IS
RECYCLABLE



PAPER NAPKINS



**PAPER
PLATES
AND CUPS**



TOILET PAPER

Paper that is not recycleable at this event food paper wrapping:



What's COMPOSTABLE:



ALL FOOD WASTE AND LIQUIDS FROM DRINKS



**Make sure everyone pours liquids from
drinks into the compost bin!**
(This makes bag changes and clean up soooooo
much easier!)



What's LANDFILL TRASH ☹️:

Sometimes outside waste can sneak in, such as:



STYROFOAM



**GRANOLA/CANDY BAR WRAPPERS & CHIP BAGS
(and other plastic films)**



**CONDIMENT
PACKETS**



STRAWS
(including those from juice boxes in the VEP area)

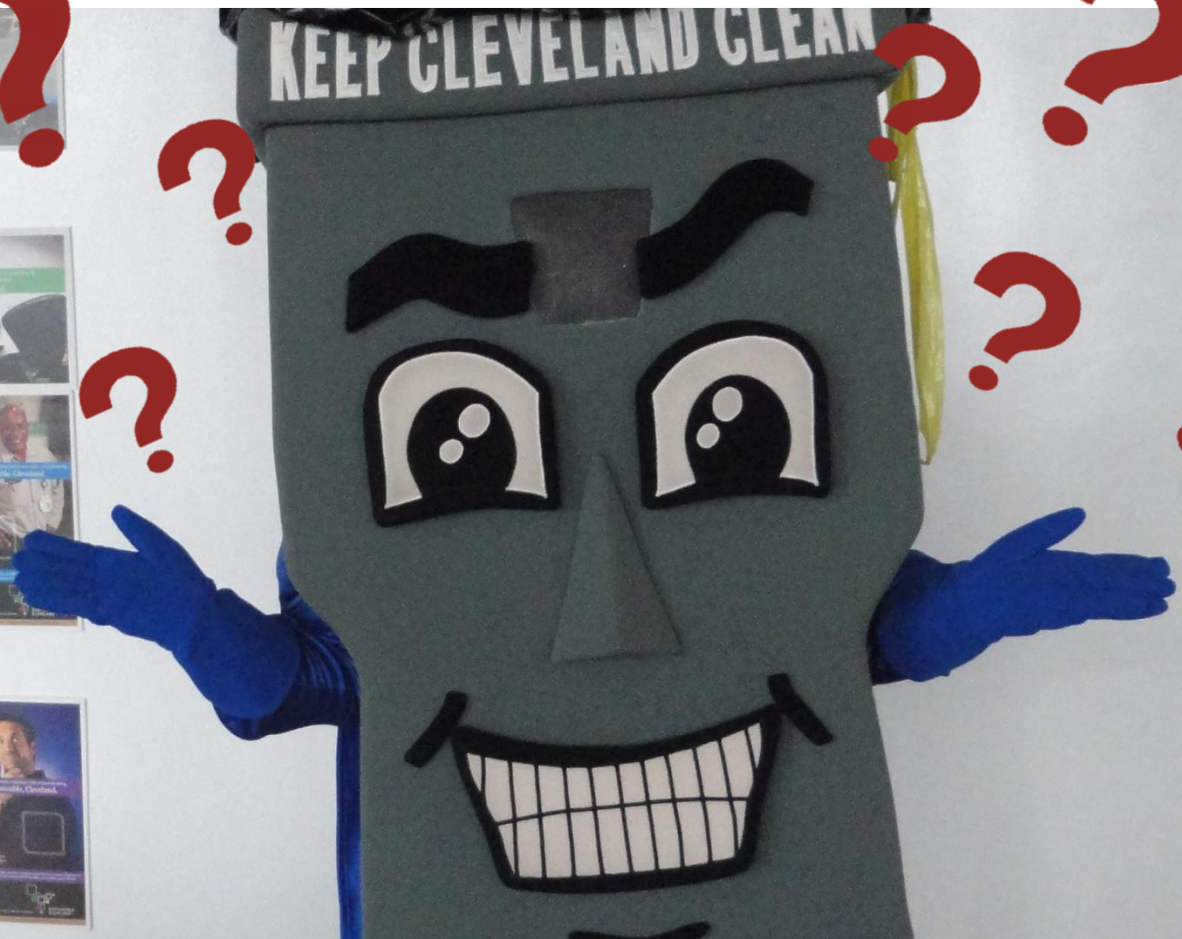


**CIGARETTES &
CIGAR TIPS**



**Plastic Food
Containers and
Utensils**

Got an item that you're not sure of whether is it compostable, recyclable or landfill trash?



Set it off to the side in the cardboard box with question marks and a reduced waste lead volunteer will help you figure it out!!



Bags fillin' up??

We recommend compost and recycling bags be changed as they get close to $\frac{3}{4}$ full, to make sure they can be tied close and prevent them from getting too heavy.

There should be extra bin liners available at each of the waste stations.

If the stations are overflowing please flag down convention center staff for assistance.



Did something end up in the wrong bin?



Even though you are hard at work making sure the right items end up in the right bins, mistakes happen and occasionally an item may accidentally be thrown in the wrong bin.

If this happens, gloves will be available at each waste station to keep hands clean while removing the wrong item.

We need photos! Please take some pictures of what is being put in the bins with your cell phone during your shift and email them to krocco@cuyahogacounty.us

- By documenting what is being put in the bins we will have a better idea on how VegFest can make improvements next year!

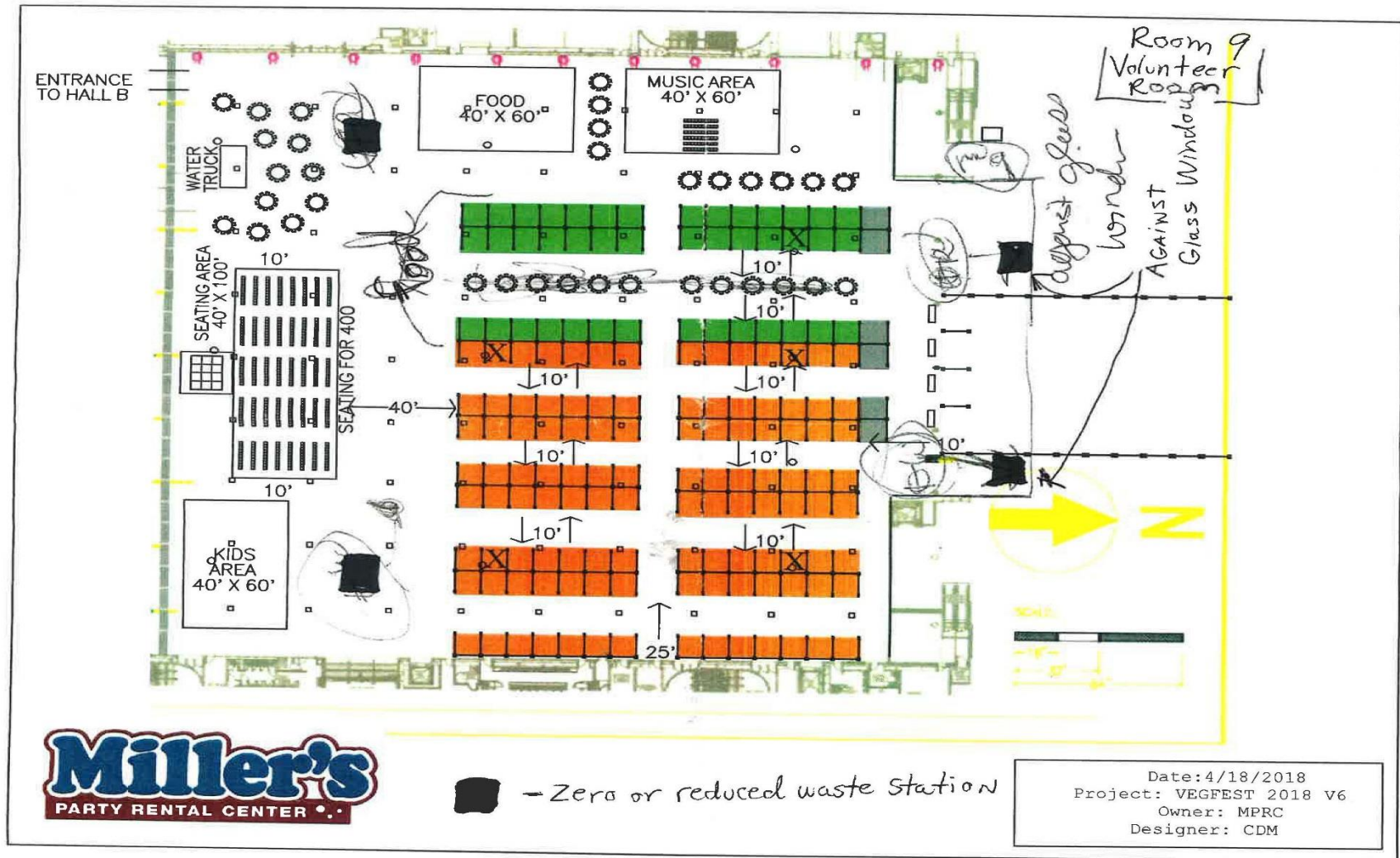


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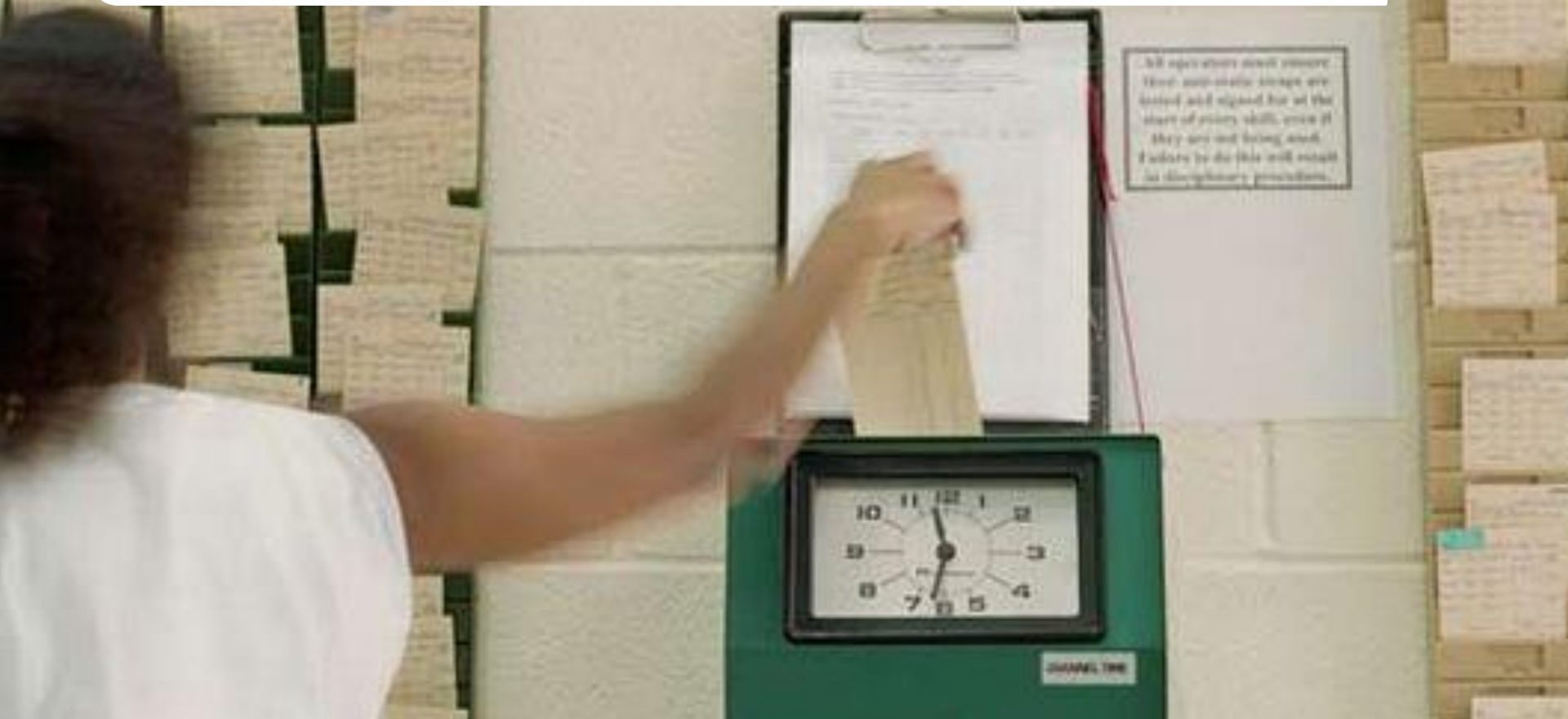
- See the accompanying map for station locations



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Time for your shift to be over?



We ask that you please wait until another zero waste volunteer relieves you before leaving your waste station. If it is time for your shift to be over and your replacement hasn't arrived, please let Doreen or Kathleen or an expert zero waste volunteer know that your station will be unattended.

Got Questions??



KATHLEEN



DOREEN

If you have any questions about your role as a zero waste volunteer or on what is recyclable, compostable or landfill trash, please contact Doreen, Kathleen or an expert zero waste volunteer.

When in doubt, set an item off to the side and someone should be periodically checking in to help you figure it out!

Thank you once again for being a
VegFest zero waste volunteer!!

As you head out for your zero waste
shift, remember this phrase.....

“If you’re not for zero waste, how
much waste are you for?”

-Gary Liss