

## background

The R4 Program (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rebuy) was created in response to the 1989 Integrated Waste Management Act.

R4's mission is to support the university's sustainability efforts by reducing waste, facilitating resource conservation, and fostering environmental awareness.

Today R4, with its "Zero Waste" event program, is helping the university work toward its goal of diverting 75% of waste by 2012 and becoming waste-free by 2020.



**zero**  
is our lucky number

## costs



It's easy to be Zero Waste with an event by using non-disposable items such as china and silverware, along with biodegradable utensils.

### small events

#### \$20 per Zero Waste Fun Pack

Zero Waste Fun Packs are perfect for small, informal events of 100 people or less. Fun Packs are customizable, but a typical Fun Pack includes one (1) compost bag and sets of fifty (50) compostable forks, spoons, knives, cups, and plates.

Throw all your food scraps, used utensils, paper plates and cups into the compostable bag and drop it off with R4 for us to dispose of properly. R4 staff will set up and take down your Fun Pack event for an additional charge of \$45.

### large events

Depending on the size and style of your event (formal, informal, catered, sit-down, buffet, etc.), our R4 coordinators can offer your guests assistance with sorting and disposal of waste.

Discuss fees for this service with your R4 coordinator.

### university catering events

Ask your University Catering coordinator for the Zero Waste option.

If you choose to plan your event online at <http://catering.ucdavis.edu>, you can order a Zero Waste when you place an order. Under the "service style" option, select either "biodegradable disposable" or "china event."

## event planning

### how to plan

- 1** Contact R4 about the event at least two weeks in advance. (See back for contact information.)  
To order an event, call the work order desk at 2-1655.  
*Don't have two weeks? Call anyway! We will do our best to accommodate any last minute requests!*
- 2** Discuss the details of your event with an R4 representative including:
  - date and time
  - number of attendees
  - menu
  - style (e.g., casual, formal, buffet, sit-down)
  - waste minimization options
  - setup and cleanup timing
  - recharge account
- 3** Sign our pledge stating that you will comply with Zero Waste guidelines.



If you are planning on a large Zero Waste event, such as the outdoor event shown above, our staff is here for your convenience to review logistics/details.

how it works



Just one of many examples proving the success of the Zero Waste program was the Segundo Spring Luau, which catered to 2,600 students and achieved a 99% diversion rate.

**zero waste:**  
you can make it happen!



Zero Waste is easy to do: we are here to provide the assistance necessary to make your events waste-free. This can be done by utilizing reusable items, composting biodegradable products such as food, and recycling all plastic, aluminum and glass.

Our waste coordinators will guide event planners through every step of the process from purchasing environmentally preferable products to cleanup. During the event itself, on-site coordinators can assist you and your guests with proper placement of waste. As a result of our thorough step-by-step process we have achieved a 95% average diversion rate for all Zero Waste events. As of 2008, UC Davis has reached a campus wide diversion rate of 66%, and each event you book brings us closer towards increasing that number. U.C. Davis Zero Waste by 2020!

get in touch



## r4 recycling

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R4 staff members at a Zero Waste event.

