

Caras Park Recycling Requirements

One of the goals of the City of Missoula's Zero Waste Resolution is to decrease waste generated by visitors to all city parks. As Missoula's most popular park, Caras Park will be a primary focus for the goal of reducing waste by 30% over the next eight years and by 90% by 2050.

Implementation of future zero-waste initiatives will likely include a written Zero Waste Plan and metric measurements to calculate waste diversion. Other consideration may be to require reusable and/or compostable food and beverage service products (think paper over Styrofoam; compostable utensils, and reusable drink containers).

From January 1, 2017 forward, all Caras Park event coordinators and their vendors will be required to offer recycling services for all events. The Missoula Downtown Association will provide 20 recycling bins, along with the 20 garbage cans provided by Parks & Recreation, as well as a Cardboard Dumpster and an All-In-One Recycling Dumpster for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Coordinators, volunteers, and vendors will be responsible for emptying these bins into the appropriate dumpster along with waste from the garbage cans.

If you or anyone involved in your event has any questions regarding the recycling program for Caras Park or future zero-waste initiatives, please contact Sarah Ferguson at 406.543.4238 or via email at sarah@missouladowntown.com.