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

An indoor Zero Waste event is a good opportunity to use reusable dishes and table coverings.

small events
$20/per Zero Waste Fun Pack
Zero Waste Fun Packs are perfect for small, informal events of 100 people or less. Each Fun Pack includes one (1) compost bag and sets of fifty (50) compostable forks, spoons, knives, cups, plates.
Throw all your food scraps, used utensils, paper plates and cups into the compostable bag and we will pick it up.

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 potential fees associated with this service with your R4 coordinator.

sodexho catered events
Ask your Sodexo catering coordinator for the Zero Waste option.

how to plan
1. Contact R4 at about the event at least three weeks beforehand. (See back for contact information.)
   Don’t have three weeks? We will do our best to accommodate any last minute requests!
2. Discuss 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, be prepared to discuss logistics with your Zero Waste Coordinator.

zero
is our lucky number
zero waste:
you can make it happen!

Zero Waste is quite simple: we’re here to provide the assistance necessary to make your events waste-free. We do this by utilizing reusable items, composting food and other biodegradable products, 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.