

Recyclable Materials

Use of recyclable or compostable serving containers and utensils for serving meals is mandatory for all food vendors

In our continuing effort to "green" the Festival, MusicFest has established new initiatives including:

- Comprehensive composting and recycling of all site waste,
- New fair trade policies for craft vendors,
- Replacement of kitchen plastics with starch based and paper based bio-degradable alternatives,

and we want to ensure that all our vendors are on board.

Last year was the first year of our mandatory requirement that all items sold at the Festival be sourced from a fair trade market. We were pleased to discover that most of the vendors were already following Fair Trade Principals so it was a very easy transition for the Festival.

Last year we advised the vendors that we are extending the "green" focus to include the food vendors. This year it is mandatory for all food vendors to honour this policy and use recyclable or compostable serving containers and utensils to serve their meals. "Recyclables" will also include - plastics/glass/tin, refundable bottles, compost/paper and cardboard/paper from their vending operations. (see: Information for food vendors).

MusicFest 2009 was the first year as a water bottle-free event and it was received with great success and enthusiasm. We are continuing this policy going forward. The requirement for water for patrons will be met by providing a permanent water-station manned by MusicFest volunteers placed in the food vendor area.

For more information go to www.islandmusicfest.com