

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, 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 material.



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
AND JUGS WITH THE
LID ON**



CARDBOARD

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**



Make sure everyone pours liquids from drinks into the liquid bucket next to the waste station!

(This makes bag changes and clean up sooooo much easier!)



What's Landfill Material ☹️:

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)



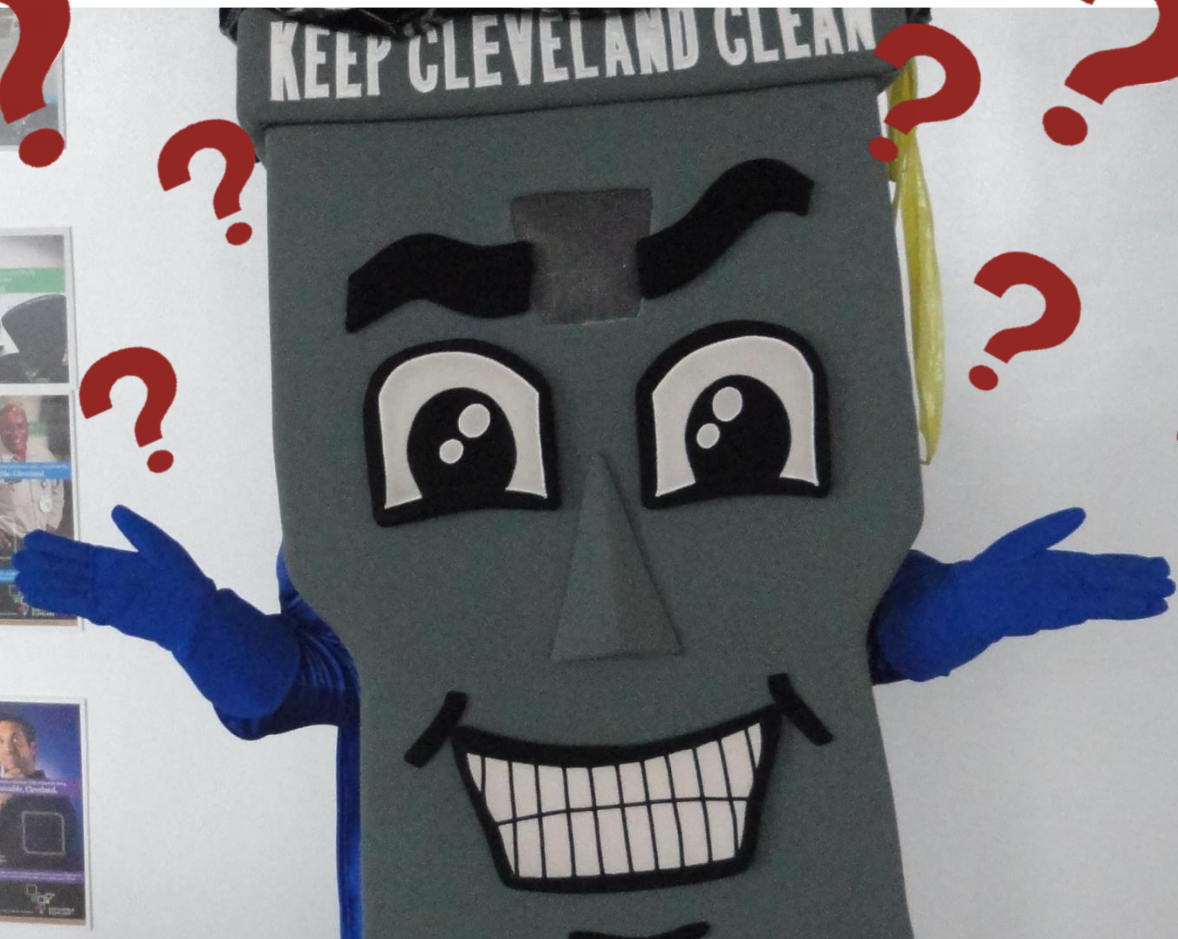
**CIGARETTES &
CIGAR TIPS**



**Plastic Food
Containers and
Utensils**



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



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!!

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:
(fill in an email here)**

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

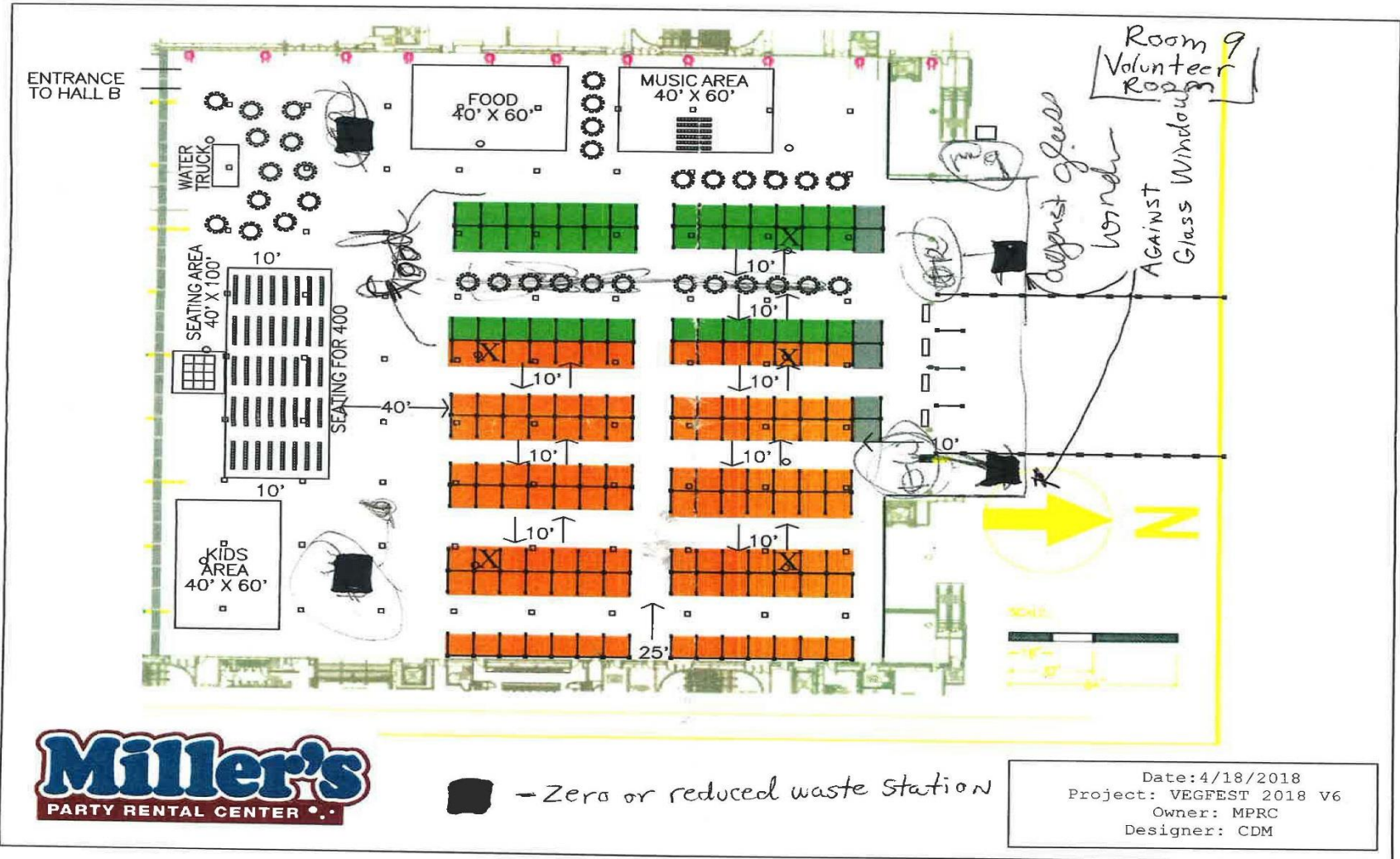


And now where is my station assignment?

- See the accompanying map for station locations



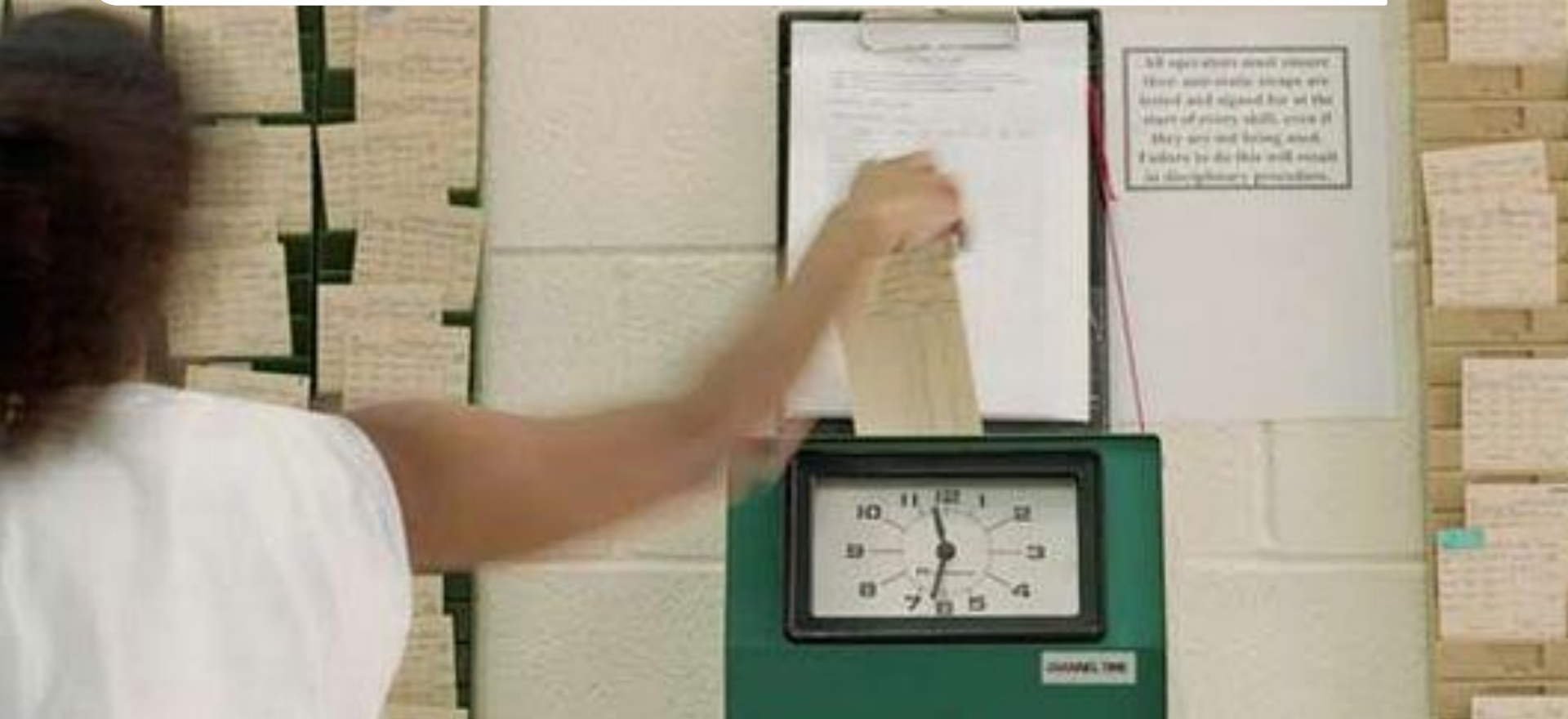
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■ - Zero or reduced waste station

Date: 4/18/2018
Project: VEGFEST 2018 v6
Owner: MPRC
Designer: CDM

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 the zero waste event coordinator or an expert zero waste volunteer know that your station will be unattended.

Got Questions??



Jane Smith



James Williams

If you have any questions about your role as a zero waste volunteer or on what is recyclable, compostable or landfill material, please contact (insert name or names of zero waste coordinators) 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