

United Way MWV's Green Catering Policy



EarthWISE Certification recognizes businesses in Marion County that have made a commitment to environmentally friendly practices. Businesses that immediately or over time meet pre-established criteria in the EarthWISE focus areas will earn the EarthWISE Certification. United Way feels it is important to be environmental conscious and proud to be an EarthWISE certified business in Marion County. Compliance with this policy will allow United Way to sustain our certification.

What is a catering policy? From paper plates and serving trays to leftover food, catered events often create **A LOT** of waste. These simple steps will help United Way reduce waste created when allowing outside parties to use our conference rooms.

I. Policy

As part of ongoing efforts to lower the environmental footprint of United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, the **(business name here)** will work to the extent possible to follow the guidelines listed in this Green Catering Policy.

II. Guidelines

- A large recycling container will be placed in the conference room during your reservation. The container is labeled with prominent signage. A list of recyclable items is also attached to the receptacle. Please recycle all glass, plastic and paper products in compliance with the list provided. A separate receptacle is provided for refundable deposit cans.
- The caterer selected must provide recyclable platters, tableware and/or serving dishes. We do not allow the use of styro-foam packaging, as it is not recyclable and very harmful to the environment.
- The caterer selected must try to avoid individually packaged products, as this causes an abundance of waste. Family style catering is preferred.
- If **(business name here)** has good-quality leftover food, donate it to a charity or food bank. The leftover food will help the more than 650,000 people in Oregon who use the services of food banks each year.
- Let attendees know about United Way MWV's green choices and notify them where recycling areas are.

_____ Signature of contact

_____ Organization Name

_____ Reservation Date/Time