

City of  
**Gainesville**

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Zero Waste Update  
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## **City and County Partnered to Produce Zero Waste Plan**

- Task 1 is in Draft form
- Describes City/County Programs in Place
- Identifies Current Infrastructure
- Applies the EPA's Zero Waste Evaluation Tool to City/County Programs and Policies

## **Likely Components of Waste Stream to Address**

- Organics/Food Waste Processing
- Construction and Demolition Debris
- Multi Family Recycling
- Student Move Out Waste
- Improving Single Family Participation

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***Preparing For  
Recommendations***

# City Collection Contract

## 10/1/21



### Challenge

- Control of Waste
- Improve Multifamily Recycling
- Recycling Capacity
- Adjust to Evolving Recycling Stream

### Action

- Exclusive Franchise
- Standardization of Program and Education
- Add Curbside Cart Option
- Require Trucks that Accept Large Cardboard Boxes

## Develop Partnerships for Zero Waste



Student Move Out



Currently Seeking a Multi Family  
Property for Pilot to Recover Reusable  
Items from Waste Stream



# Improve Public Recycling



- Provide More Opportunities Along Sidewalks and in Parks for Recycling
- Improve Event Recycling
- Find Community Partners to Move Towards Zero Waste Events with Composting and Non-traditional Recycling

Gainesville's single-use plastic straw and stirrer ban goes into effect **January 1, 2020.**



Learn more at [www.zerowastegn.com](http://www.zerowastegn.com).



# Straw Ban Activities

- Post Card Sent to Beverage Providers
- Solid Waste Inspectors Made Personal Visit to Each Business
- Good Compliance
- Second Post Card Being Prepared As a Reminder
- Stronger Enforcement to Follow

**U.S. CONSUMPTION = ENOUGH STRAWS  
TO WRAP AROUND THE  
EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE  
2.5 TIMES A DAY!**



# Straw Ban Addressing Community Concerns

- Educating Businesses about Different Options to Paper Straws and Types of Paper Straws
- Explaining Why “Compostable” Bio-Polymers were Banned
- Monitoring Emerging Options that are Certified as Biodegradable in Soil and Water

**Thank You.**