



## Zero Waste Gainesville

### Alachua County Green Purchasing Policy December 19, 2019

#### Purpose:

Zero Waste Gainesville is asking Alachua County to establish a Green Purchasing Policy with the goal of promoting waste reduction, conserving natural resources and act as a role model for our Zero Waste community.

#### Our Recommendations:

- We recommend establishing the use of durable and washable plates, cups and silverware for all Alachua County events for employees, events open to the public and employee break rooms
  - Alachua County Environmental Protection Department has a great example of this type of system in their break room
    - EPD's system is a role model for other Alachua County break rooms
- Eliminate the use of all single-use materials used in Alachua County employee events, in all employee break rooms and for events that Alachua County government holds where the public is invited
  - This includes single-use plastic plates, cutlery, cups, bags, straws, stirrers, bottled water and disposable coffee cups
- Eliminate the use and avoid purchasing water in plastic bottles
  - Instead promote our good, clean tap water provided by GRU through water refill stations in a reusable cup or water bottle
- All copy paper, fiber products, toilet paper, file folders, envelopes and other unspecified paper products will be unbleached and made of recycled content with a minimum of 30% post-consumer materials
- These efforts will support a circular economy and help change our culture from a disposable one to one that values resources

Thank you, Zero Waste Gainesville team