

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

A circular inset photograph showing two women smiling and holding shopping bags. One woman is holding a large white bag filled with groceries, and the other is holding a smaller white bag. They appear to be standing near a car.

**RETHINK
WASTE**

***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.

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.