

Zero Waste Policy

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) serves more than 100 million passengers annually. With this level of volume, ATL estimates that it typically generates 13,000 tons of divertible recyclables annually. Understanding that the placement of materials in landfills may damage the environment, waste natural resources and transfer liabilities to future generations, ATL established guidelines for increased sustainability.

The purpose of this Zero Waste Policy is to divert 90% of all waste from landfills generated at ATL.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Department of Aviation (DOA) that ATL will work to achieve 90 percent landfill diversion through the following means:

- Reduce the amount of waste to be disposed at ATL
- Recycle minimally 90% of all construction and deconstruction debris in accordance with the provisions outlined in Ordinance 03-O-1693
- Include in all RFPs and construction documents a contractor requirement to track all construction debris, landfill diversion totals, and where the material is reused, repurposed and/or delivered to a landfill.
- Require contractors to provide a Materials Resource Management plan that includes a recycling education plan, arrangements for collection, disposition of source-separated recyclables and/or compostables
- Implement the Sustainable Food Court Initiative (SFCI) requirement by exclusively using BPI-certified or Cedar Grove-accepted food serviceware in all food and beverage, office kitchens and break rooms
- Food service tenants (i.e. concessionaires) are encouraged to participate in a comprehensive Food Recovery Program
- Encourage tenants to participate in the DOA compostable organics program
- Use third-party certified waste and retail plastic bags or FSC-certified or 85 percent or greater post-consumer recyclable material
- Minimize packaging and avoid the use of disposable plastic packaging
- Discourage the use of polypropylene (#5) plastic
- Restrict the use of polystyrene (#6 /Styrofoam) plastic
- Encourage the use of Green Seal-certified or equivalent cleaning supplies

Procurement by Food Service Providers

- All airline flight kitchens, cafeterias and concessionaires are encouraged to adopt green procurement policies throughout their respective organizations
- Procure locally-sourced and/or organic options where available

This policy reinforces our commitment to a continued community partnership, recognizing environmental stewardship and conservation by incorporating sustainable development practices into all aspects of Hartsfield-Jackson's current and future operations.



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