

WASTE AND RECYCLING

TEAM TITLE

Waste & Recycling

PLACE & TIME REQUIREMENTS

Monday pre-festival through to Wednesday post-festival

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS IN TEAM

There are approximately 42 members of this team. Volunteers need to be physically fit.

PURPOSE OF TASK (RELATIONSHIP TO THE FESTIVAL)

Collection and distribution of recycling and waste bins across the festival site.

CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Waste and Recycling team distribute and collect recycling and waste wheelie bins across the festival site. The Festival has hired Thiess Waste contractors who run the ACT Garbage Collection and Recycling depot at Mugga Lane to take Festival Waste off site. Timely collection of recycling bins by the Waste and Recycling Team will facilitate the direct feeding of festival waste in the Recycling sorting streams at the Mugga Lane depot. (No double handling).

SAFETY ISSUES

Waste and Recycling Volunteers should read and be aware of the Festival's Backcare and Manual Handling Policies, and not attempt to move any bin that is visibly overloaded. For safety reasons, when lifting or handling bins volunteers should:-

- consider the load; size, awkward shape, etc
- consider need for mechanical or manual assistance
- position legs apart - one foot level with the load
- keep back straight, look up
- bend from the hips, avoid 'twisting' the body
- tighten the stomach muscles, but don't hold breath
- BEND THE KNEES
- lift with the legs, not the back
- keep the load close to the body
- keep carrying distance short
- avoid changing grip or 'jerking' the load
- deposit the load by bending the knees and keeping the back straight (reverse order of lifting)
- if pulling or pushing, let the legs do the work

Push Don't Pull

Whenever you can, push instead of pull. Pushing puts less stress on your back and you have twice as much power. Stay close to the bin and avoid reaching. Use both arms to prevent strain.

ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Waste and Recycling team members are encouraged to attend the Volunteer Orientation and Training Day on Sunday before the Festival