

POLICY STATEMENT

Fair Trade Vancouver is committed to promoting, facilitation, and modeling Zero Waste strategies in all its events, activities, partnerships, and day to day operation. This means both internal value and culture will promote a zero waste model; while externally promoting zero waste in all its activities. As to promote more sustainable consumption, responsible behavior and reduction to the impact that waste has on our natural environment. Fair Trade Vancouver has adopted a Zero Waste goal, and supports our partners in Zero Waste initiatives, in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage, and recycling of materials.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Zero Waste is a philosophy and a design principle that goes beyond recycling by taking a whole system approach to the flow of resources and discarded materials. Zero Waste focuses on reducing consumption and ensuring that producers take back products and packaging for reuse, repair or recycling it back into nature or the marketplace.

KEY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR OUR ZERO WASTE COMMITMENT

- Minimize waste generation
- Maximize reuse, recycling and material/energy recovery
- Evaluate and Identify all forms of possible waste from all Fair Trade Vancouver activities, both internal and external
- Where waste must be produced, identify recycling streams as to lessen Fair Trade Vancouver's impact on the environment
- Take all necessary measures to ensure Fair Trade Vancouver reduces the possibility of waste, while initiating all necessary means of waste recycling
- Evaluate materials discarded: determine how and where materials are discarded, and identify alternatives.
- Ensure all Fair Trade Vancouver's partners are held to these zero waste standards, when involved in any Fair Trade Vancouver activity
- Work with Metro Vancouver and other zero waste organizations to promote zero waste commitments, by adhering to zero waste commitments internally, while promoting it externally