



Going Green at Games for Fans

UVA student-athletes encourage fans to get involved with sustainability efforts underway in Athletics. Below are some easy ways fans can contribute to a “greener game day” whether tailgating, cheering from the stands, or watching from home.

Tailgating

When tailgating for UVA Athletics events, there are several ways fans can contribute to zero-waste efforts:

- Sort waste materials correctly into recycling and landfill trash bags. Plastic, metal, glass, and clean cardboard are recyclable.
- When purchasing tailgate supplies, consider the following cost-effective and sustainable options: invest in reusable dishware, utensils, and decorations; buy in bulk; buy recyclable or compostable materials when possible; and purchase local/seasonal products.

Inside the Stadium

When attending UVA Athletics events, properly dispose of your compostables, recyclables, and landfill waste in appropriate containers. To share feedback or request greater availability of recycling or composting at UVA Athletics events, email sustainability@virginia.edu.

Zero-Waste Events

On Grounds: Any UVA student, faculty, or staff member can host a zero-waste event for up to 150 people. UVA Recycling will provide free, compostable utensils, plates, and cups as well as recycling, composting, and landfill bins. To get started, reach out to UVA Recycling (recycling@virginia.edu; 434-982-5050) at least a week prior to the event to share the event location, scheduled time, expected number of attendees, and request compostable utensils and compost bins. Learn more in the [Zero Waste Events Guide](#).

Off Grounds: If interested in hosting a zero-waste event off-Grounds or making more sustainable game day choices from home, UVA Sustainability offers several educational resources:

- Familiarize yourself with the main components of a successful zero-waste event by reading the [Zero Waste Events Guide](#).
- Learn more about where, when, and how to [compost](#) and [recycle](#) locally.
- Consider the importance of sourcing food and materials locally. Supporting local farmers and businesses boosts local economy and reduces the environmental impacts of food transportation and waste.
- Explore plant-based meal options. Consuming fewer animal products helps save nitrogen resources and decreases your nitrogen footprint.

Volunteer

As the number of Green Games increase for large attendance events like football and basketball, there will be a need for more volunteers to staff waste stations and other areas. Volunteers help educate fans on which materials can be composted or recycled, help distribute recycling bags to tailgaters, and other activities.

If you or your group are interested in volunteering, please reach out to sustainability@virginia.edu

Give & Offset

The UVA Carbon Offset Fund was created to help offset personal carbon footprints at the University of Virginia. If you would like to offset your personal emissions resulting from sporting event attendance, we recommend donating the following amount based on average annual activities:

- Sporting Event Attendance: \$5 per person.

Learn more about how donations to the UVA Carbon Offset Fund will be used [here](#).

Resources

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