

# YOSEMITE'S ZERO LANDFILL INITIATIVE

As a proud partner of the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy aims to reduce our environmental footprint by decreasing the amount of waste we generate and encourage visitors to do so as well. By being waste conscious *before* you visit, you can help reduce and divert waste from our local landfill. Join us in our efforts!

## Packing to be Zero Waste in Yosemite

Visitors can play a big role in reducing waste in Yosemite National Park and should follow these simple steps when planning your park trip. **Know before you go and:**

- 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare:** Think about what you bring into Yosemite and what you will dispose of while you are here. Check to see what can be recycled and minimize what you send to our landfill. To assist with this, here are some Yosemite related details to consider:
  - In Yosemite, we collect **Glass, Aluminum, Plastic,** and cardboard for recycling.
  - We accept recycled plastics listed as 1-7.
  - Though we discourage visitors from bringing disposable propane cylinders into Yosemite, and encourage the use of reusable propane cylinders, Yosemite's National Park Service does offer recycling options for fuel cylinders in some campgrounds, including Camp 4, Upper, Lower, and North Pines, Hodgdon, and Tuolumne Meadows. Accepted canisters include propane, isobutane, and butane.
  - Yosemite Hospitality stores offer a reusable 1-pound propane canister option by Little Kamper. It's easy! All you do is 1) purchase a canister, 2) use the gas, and 3) exchange it for a full canister for a fraction of the cost. Check out Little Kamper's website to learn more: [Home - Little Kamper 1lb Propane Tank Exchange](#).
- 2. Opt for Online when and where you can:** Use cellphone apps to help navigate your way around the park, when/where access is available.
  1. National Park Service offers a free app on iOS and Android devices, and can be downloaded through the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#). This app provides information for more than 400 national parks. Once you've chosen Yosemite as your park, become prepared by looking at park maps, tours, and other visitor informational tools.
- 3. Bring reusable items with you:** reduce your waste generation by opting out of disposables and bring some reusable items with you from home.
  1. **Bring a reusable coffee mug** – or buy one from the souvenir shop to help reduce waste in Yosemite.
  1. **Bring your own water bottle** – bring a refillable water bottle or buy one at the souvenir shop while taking advantage of convenient water refilling stations located around Yosemite.
  2. **Choose Reusable Bags** - bring your own reusable bag or tote for your supplies, groceries, and souvenir items to help eliminate bag waste.

## Zero Waste Products

- Reusable water bottle: [Klean Kanteen – Yosemite Conservancy](#)
- Reusable coffee bottle: [Insulated TKWide 12 oz Bottle, Steel Coffee Mug | Klean Kanteen](#)
- Reusable tote bags: [Bags – Yosemite Conservancy](#)
- Reusable food box set: [Lunch Box Set, Steel Food Boxes and To-Go Containers | Klean Kanteen](#)

- Reusable snack & sandwich bags: [ChicoBag Snack Time rePETe - Reusable Sandwich & Snack Bags](#)
- Reusable cutlery: [Custom To-Go Ware Reusable Bamboo Utensil Cutlery Set With Case - ChicoBag](#)
- Reusable snack storage bags: [Amazon.com: 6 Reusable Sandwich Bags & 6 Reusable Snack Bags](#)