The Gainesville Zero Waste News

What Does Zero Waste Mean?

Zero Waste has many definitions, but essentially zero waste refers to the philosophy of working towards **making as little waste as possible** with the ultimate goal of eliminating waste completely. The goal of reaching zero waste can be achieved through many different methods, including redesigning products & packaging, recycling, composting, repairing, reusing, donating, and waste-to-energy processes. Zero Waste examines the 'whole system' to find opportunities to minimize consumption, maximize resources, and reduce toxicity to humans and our environment.

The City of Gainesville has set a goal to go Zero Waste by 2040 by supporting policies needed to dramatically reduce waste and encourage citizens to rethink waste material flows. By analyzing the status of our waste reduction and recycling, the City of Gainesville is working on modifying existing policies, systems, programs, and infrastructure to reduce waste and improve diversion opportunities.

For more information, visit gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste.

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