

St Pete Run Fest values sustainability and has joined forces with several partners to produce a **zero-waste** race weekend. Solid waste management is paramount to our sustainability efforts, as less solid waste means lower environmental risk to our coastal ecosystem. Partnerships with local (and a few not-so-local) organizations have allowed St. Pete Run Fest to set the standard for more zero-waste events in beautiful St. Pete!

- **Three zero-waste receiving stations (eco-tents)** in the race venue. *If you need to dispose of anything, you must take it to a zero-waste receiving station.* Each tent will have volunteers sorting waste into four streams: aluminum cans, compost, cardboard/paperboard, and waste-to-energy (trash). The eco-tents will be clearly marked and signage around the venue will point the way for your convenience.
- None of the **water** provided will come from single-use plastic bottles, and we encourage athletes NOT to bring plastic bottles to the waterfront site.
- On-course aid stations/water stops will serve water in clear compostable water cups. Gatorade will be served in green compostable paper cups. All cups will be composted with **Renüable**, one of our sustainability partners.
- Water at the finish line will be in aluminum cans, provided by **Liquid Death**. Post-race beverage cans will be recycled at all the eco-tents. In addition, compostable cups and filtered water will be provided in multiple places. Look for “Water Fill” flags right next to the Water Monsters.
- This year, St. Pete Run Fest was awarded its own Water Monster thanks to the generosity of **Racing for Sustainability**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps small and mid-sized running events reduce their environmental impact. Thank you, RFS!



St. Pete Run Fest 2025 Sustainability Report Card

- Nearly 7000 aluminum cans were recycled.
- 2,006 pounds of compostable materials were diverted from landfills.
- 1,765 pounds of CO_2 were prevented from entering the atmosphere.
- Composting efforts were equivalent to offsetting 1,989 miles driven.
- From a greenhouse gas equivalency standpoint, composting efforts were equal to thirteen urban trees grown for 10 years.
- 101 athletes opted out of a t-shirt. The equivalent value of each shirt was donated to Tees4Trees, a program that plants trees in our beautiful city parks.

Meet Our Sustainability Partners…

Liquid Death is just a funny beverage company who hates corporate marketing. Their evil mission is to make people laugh and get more of them to drink more healthy beverages more often, all while helping to kill plastic pollution.

Racing for Sustainability is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the environmental impact of running events. It empowers race organizers and runners by providing practical, affordable, and equitable resources aimed at promoting environmental stewardship and positive social impact within the running community. The initiative focuses on merging high-performance racing with sustainable practices, encouraging events to adopt eco-friendly measures. St. Pete Run Fest was awarded funding this year to purchase our very own Water Monster!

Renüable is a composting organization founded by Xavier DeRoos. The company specializes in residential, commercial and event compost pick-up services, utilizing the aerated static pile composting method. This approach transforms organic material into nutrient-rich compost while diverting food from landfills and helping reduce methane emissions. Renüable aims to promote soil regeneration and reduce environmental impact by converting food scraps into valuable compost.

Tees 4 Trees. For various reasons some athletes don't want a race t-shirt. They can opt out of a shirt and donate the value of that shirt to plant a tree in one of our beautiful city parks. Thank you to those who chose Tees 4 Trees when they registered!