

# The annual Cape Town International Kite Festival **GETS GREENER**



**The Cape Town International Kite Festival has adopted an environmental policy that is committed to reducing pollution and the use of plastic items at the event.**

The following measures have been implemented to promote recycling and to reduce impact on the environment:

- All food vendors will operate from food trucks; no food preparation from gazebos will be permitted
- The use of styrofoam, plastic cutlery, plastic drinking straws and plastic bags in the sales of food products etc is prohibited
- No open or portable generators may be used except with the written permission of the event organiser and the Fire and Safety authorities
- Clearly marked recycling bins will be stationed at regular intervals throughout the festival village and we encourage the general public to make use of these
- Designated smoking areas will be strategically placed in the festival village with safe cigarette butt receptacles (ashtrays) positioned in these areas
- Plastic soft-drink bottles will be sorted and put through the recycling process
- All kite-making kits (400) used in the free kite-making workshops will be packed in paper/recyclable/compostable bags and no longer in plastic bags
- Kites sold at the kite sales marquees will be removed from their plastic packaging and inserted into paper bags. Plastic bags will be safely stored at the point of sale so that they can be responsibly included in the recycling process
- Toys sold in plastic/ cellophane packaging will be removed from the packaging at point of sale and inserted into paper bags where necessary. Plastic wrappings/cellophane packaging will remain at the point of sale so that they can be responsibly included in the recycling process
- Refuse will be sorted by the cleaning crew during the course of each day
- All refuse removed by the City of Cape Town will be transported to the central recycling plant in Athlone for further sorting and recycling
- Cape Mental Health has engaged the services of an Environmental Officer who will be on duty during the festival to manage the environmental impact of the festival

The following measures will reduce potential noise pollution:

- The Environmental Officer on duty will manage the noise levels emanating from the festival stage and will ensure that sound is well within the legislated sound levels
- Entertainers and sound technical teams will be alerted to the necessity to control noise levels and to respond promptly to any instructions to reduce the noise levels