



What shade of Green are you?

Green with Envy Events encourages our clients to take simple steps towards reducing the overall carbon footprint of their event. We strive to find ground breaking answers to common wasteful industry practices. By selecting the Green elements that are best suited to your event, you not only will help out the environment, but leave your guests feeling Green with Envy. Please check the options you would like to incorporate and we will guide you in making it happen.

Details + Locale:

- Choose an appropriate season to reflect local and seasonal food and floral choices
- Choose an outdoor location to maximize natural resources and reduce the event's energy consumption
- Choose a site whose venue rental fee will give back to the community (art gallery, museum, park & nature reserve, historic home, local vineyards)
- Choose a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Certified Building
- Choose a venue close to public transportation
- If the event requires multiple locations, choose venues in close proximity so guests can walk
- If tenting, choose low VOC tenting
- If indoor, choose natural or LED lighting
- Alternative lighting sources (soy, beeswax, or recycled candles; solar powered holiday strand lights)
- Select and recommend lodging options that are working to reduce their environmental impact
- Confirm all areas of locale are ADA compliant
- Choose a smoke free venue
- Include environmental agreement/ statement in each contract to educate staff on responsible green practices

Trains, Planes + Automobiles:

- Choose a location that is in close proximity to the majority of your guests to reduce travel
- Incentivize or promote alternative travel to the event by distributing trolley tokens or bus passes to encourage public transportation
- Arrange a car pool/shared ride or shuttle service sign up (limo or bus)
- Use vehicles that run on alternative fuels
- Host an event webpage that includes public transportation options

Devour + Indulge:

- Organic, seasonal and locally grown produce
- Organic and cruelty-free meats, poultry and fish
- Organic and locally produced beverages
- Natural and non-processed ingredients
- Vegetarian options
- Allow attendees to pre-select meals and number of courses
- Menu of finger foods to eliminate use of plates & utensils
- Incorporate mantra "Less is More" when designing your menu and desserts
- Donate left-over food (prepared and perishable) to local food banks and shelters
- Sustainable water sources
- Seek out Catering Companies and Bakeries that implement "green" practices

Paper + Ink:

- Save paper by inviting your guests by telephone, Evite or alternative social media
- Incorporate waste reduction into the design of the invitation
- Use recycled or plantable seed paper for all elements
- Soy-based or non-toxic inks
- Create an event website or blog using a green host
- Send re-usable or multi-purpose invites (a CD with intro of event and songs, etc.)
- Always print double sided or multiple columns
- Create re-usable banners and signage that are non-event specific
- For larger events, send information/ registration package via email in pdf.
- Utilize electronic registration and RSVP systems

Petals + Décor:

- Incorporate live plants or other natural options instead of fresh flowers to eliminate green waste
- Use flowers/plants that are in season and indigenous to region
- Use silk, dried, edible or organic flowers or other non-flower alternatives
- Invite guests to take flowers home
- Use organic, sustainable fabrics and materials
- Coordinate for flowers to be sent to an elderly home
- Potable plants as centerpieces
- Choose a simplistic and minimal décor style
- Use candles, lanterns or oil lamps for décor, instead of flowers
- Use local resources for décor elements
- Research where décor product originates to ensure that no sweatshop labor is employed through any of the process

Song + Delight:

- DJ's that use alternative energy and eco-speakers
- Consider live music options
- In place of a DJ, use alternative music source such as an iPod
- Organize a game or hire a speaker to promote green practices
- Support local artists and musicians (commission or purchase pieces)
- Alternative energy sources for operation and entertainment

Images + Film:

- Choose a photographer or videographer that adopts Eco-wise business practices
- Avoid disposable cameras and encourage guests to take own photos and share
- Choose digital, rather than traditional film, and print only what is necessary
- Hire only local photographers/videographers

Giving + Receiving:

- Consider using a virtual gift bag for guests to minimize waste
- Donate to charity on behalf of client/guests
- Consider giving experiences, rather than tangible items for raffles
- Provide organic or crafted giveaways from local artisan or craft-person
- Use recycled or reusable favors and paper products
- If need to buy, purchase eco-minded and socially responsible goods
- In lieu of gifts, plant a tree or plant
- Give organic treats
- Send guests home with seeds or bulbs to plant

Reduce, Reuse + Recycle:

- Educate all parties involved about expectations to keep the event green and the benefits to our environment
- Place clearly marked recycling bins next to ALL trashcans
- Ensure all vendors incorporate recycling practices
- Allow us to recycle all paper, plastic, aluminum, compost, and other recyclable items from your event
- Purchase carbon credits and emissions offset vouchers
- Provide service for pick-up
- Use sustainable tableware that can be recycled or reused (corn starch, wheat product, etc)
- Serve beverages in large containers to eliminate use of single-use cans and bottles
- Rent or buy re-usable linen napkins and tablecloths rather than paper
- Return hangers to linen and furniture rental companies
- Encourage donation of cooking oil to bio-diesel vehicle users
- Eliminate use of straws and cocktail stirrers
- Donate usable leftovers to local charities
- Use biodegradable trash bags