

## Host the Ultimate Eco-Friendly Party - Few Tips

There is often a good excuse to throw more parties, spend more time with friends and family members. End of year parties and birthdays are all good reasons to enjoy. However, these events often generate a lot of unnecessary waste. Here are tips that will help you create eco-friendly parties to enjoy without feeling guilty. Here is how to host an ultimate party, everyone will enjoy.

**Décor:** Make use of what you already have. Be creative with your eco-friendly decorations. Decorate with your own recyclable or reusable items. Use colourful biodegradable balloons and ribbons. Use paper streamers and paper pom poms and lanterns that you can use after the party, or fabric bunting. Party hats and banners can be made from old cardboard, coloured wrapper or with a cloth.



**Invitations:** Recycled paper invitations are one of the choices, but they are not the only choice. You can reuse old greeting cards. You can even use “seed-paper”, which allows to plant it after the event and watch the flowers grow. Or avoid paper completely by emailing e-card, create an event on facebook, twitter or what’s app. It will help you to know whether they can attend or not.



**Shop Local:** Whether it is decor or food, there are items that can be sourced from local farmers and entrepreneurs. Buy organic fruit and veg from the local farmers’ market and try to make your own party cake.



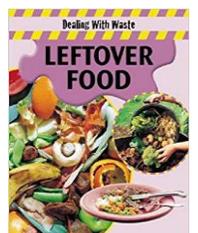
**Lighting:** Use energy-efficient lights -LED or CFL. Opt for outdoor lights with LED or CFL light bulbs, that may be solar-powered, and are low maintenance and safe. Whenever possible, opt for natural light.

**Dishes and Table Ware:** Do not buy disposable party plates and cutlery, instead look for biodegradable tableware or stronger plastic pieces that can be washed up. Plastic and paper tableware may seem easier to use, but they often generate a lot of waste because of its single use. If reusable items do not suit your needs, buy plates, cups, and cutlery made from bamboo or another environmentally friendly option.



**Plan for zero waste menu:** Create a menu that is completely waste-free. Opt for food without plastic packaging. If doing a potluck-style party, ask guests to bring their meals in glass serving bowls and dishes with lids.

**Manage leftover food:** Try to choose menu items that include the basic ingredients you would normally purchase for your everyday menus. So leftovers can be frozen for use at a later date. It can be packed off to friends and relatives also. If you have excess food, there are many NGOs, they collect excess food and give it to people who really need it.



**Gifts:** Keep a 'no plastic' theme and wrap all gifts in old newspapers, used wrappers or recyclable paper. You can make your gift more special by

- Gifting a plant, an eco-friendly alternative to cut flowers.
- Donating to a charity organization
- Choosing a UNICEF Inspired Gift
- Adopting an abandoned pet and providing loving homes



**No Loud Music:** Loud music can disturb your neighbours in the vicinity. The menace of loud sound adds to a considerable amount of noise pollution. Neighbours can call the police on 100 because, beyond 10 p.m., any noise which is above permissible limits can be fined.



**Plan for outdoor activities:** There is nothing more fun than an outdoor experience. Outdoor party games make a great eco-friendly celebration. It is an opportunity to reconnect with nature and remind yourself why it's worth protecting.

***Look forward to your next green and zero waste party!***

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