



ZERO WASTE EVENTS

For more information, contact the Recycling Section at (301) 883-3635 or visit: bit.ly/ResourceRecoveryDivision

Having an Event?

With a little planning, you can reduce your waste and environmental impact while also saving money. Celebrate any special occasion using simple tips.



practical TIPS

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REDUCE - Look through your storage areas to assess what items you already have that can be used for the event. Be creative! It's part of the fun of planning a party. Go paperless by creating digital invitations and send via text, email, and/or share on social media.

REUSE - Consider using durable cups and dinnerware. Thrift stores are full of treasures that can be purchased at an inexpensive price. Cloth tablecloths and napkins can be washed and reused in the future. Also consider durable, reusable food storage containers for leftovers. Once the party is over, consider donating items others may use.

RECYCLE - If you do use disposable items, try to go with certified compostable or recyclable items. Please rinse away food contamination from recyclables, otherwise place them in the trash.

PROPER DISPOSAL - Determine the high traffic areas to place clearly labeled receptacles: Trash, Recycling, and Food Scraps/Compostable. Include pictures with examples of what goes in each.

DONATE - Offer uneaten/leftover food to guests to take home or to food rescue organizations.

SHARE - Share your event success with others, you may inspire them to plan their next celebration in a Zero Waste Way!