

Tips for a zero waste party

Try these ideas to help cut down on unnecessary waste and have a fun celebration.

1. Invitations

- Go paperless with online invitations.

2. Food

- Confirm your numbers to avoid over catering.
- Put food out in batches to avoid waste.
- Share leftovers.
- Store food in reusable containers rather than single use plastics.

3. Tableware

- Create a party kit with reusable items. You can share this with others.
- If you need single-use items, select paper and bamboo.
- Ask people to BYO or rent what you need.

4. Decorations

- Use paper decorations such as paper lanterns, pinwheels, crackers, honeycomb, bunting and paper chains.
- Use fabric decorations such as garlands, ornaments, lettering and bunting.
- Consider hiring decorations.
- Remember – balloons and confetti are **not** permitted at Council venues and parks.

5. Games & activities

- For kids, consider a nature-based treasure hunt, musical chairs, face painting.
- Outdoor games are great for all ages – giant jenga, bocce, ladder toss, giant domino.

7. Packing down

- Leave no trace, check for litter.
- Recycle right.
- Store reusables for future use.

6. Avoid giveaways

- If needed, use paper bags and include items that can be consumed, reused, or recycled.



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