

Recreation and Parks Green Events Checklist

It's a wonderful day to celebrate at the park! Here is a guide to help you minimize waste and help us keep our parks clean and safe for everyone.

Food and Beverage

- Have an accurate attendance estimate to avoid over ordering food
- Consider plant-based, sustainable, local or seasonal food
- Decrease waste by avoiding individually wrapped snack items (E.g., granola bars, bags of chips, etc.)
- Bring condiment bottles instead of small condiment packets (E.g. ketchup, mustard, etc.)
- Bring reusable bags for leftover food and other items instead of plastic bags
- Encourage guests to bring reusable containers to allow them to take home leftover food
- Consider donating leftover food to a food bank or shelter if feasible
- Compost leftover food items by placing approved items in your green bin at home or by taking them to a farmer's market drop-off location

Foodware

- Serve beverages in reusable, recyclable or compostable cups, bottles, or cans. **Note: Plastic bottles are prohibited.**
- Use reusable plates, platters, cups, utensils and napkins. If reusable tableware is not an option, consider 100% recycled and/or unbleached and BPI certified compostable products. **Note: Styrofoam products are prohibited. For more information and alternatives to styrofoam, please refer to [LASAN's Product Alternative Guide](#).**

Decorations

- Recyclable and/or compostable decorations, or decorations that can be reused or donated are encouraged
- Avoid the use of balloons which can be harmful to wildlife. **Note: Mylar balloons are prohibited.**
- Use reusable table linens or butcher paper as tablecloths that can be composted
- Consider supporting local florists with seasonably available flowers and organic growing practices or potted plants that could be given as party favors

Travel

- Encourage public transportation, carpooling, and bicycling to your event

Recycle

- Clean, dry paper
- Cardboard boxes and chipboard
- Juice boxes and milk cartons and similar items
- Aluminum, tin, metal, and bi-metal cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Empty plastic containers

For more information on the City's zero waste and plastic reduction goals, please visit www.lacitysan.org/sourcereduction.

