

PARTY GUIDE

Want to throw a memorable celebration without the waste? Check out the simple, affordable, and fun tips below to plan a low waste get-together!

SEND PAPERLESS INVITATIONS

- Email or text guests event details. Save time and money by using a free online invitation platform that tracks RSVPs.
- Remind guests of your low waste party vibes in your invitation! For example, encourage guests to bring their own reusable containers to take home leftover food.

CHOOSE REUSABLE DECORATIONS

- Invest in quality, simple decorations that can be used for multiple types of celebrations.
- Borrow decorations from friends or neighbors.
- Repurpose home décor as party decorations. Try using potted plants, candles, or framed photos as table centerpieces.
- Double your food as decoration! Let in-season produce and beautiful baked goods shine.
- Host your event outdoors – nature's beauty will speak for itself!

PLAN YOUR MENU AND LEFTOVERS STRATEGICALLY

- Use a [Guest-imator](#) to calculate how much food you'll need to prepare for each guest and avoid over-buying ingredients.
- Pack up extra food in reusable containers so guests can take home leftovers.
- Donate extra food to your local food pantry or save for later use.

SKIP SINGLE-USE SERVEWARE

- Opt for reusable plates, cups, napkins, and utensils. Recruit a few friends ahead of time to help wash dishes after the party.
- Don't have enough dishes on hand? Buy an affordable set of mix-and-match serveware from the thrift store. Share the set with friends and neighbors for their next party!
- For large events, consider renting serveware (plus, the rental company will likely do the dishes!)

RETHINK GIFTS & PARTY FAVORS

- Ask guests to regift gently used presents, give experiences (like tickets to a concert), or donate to a cause you care about.
- When planning party favors, think to yourself: would you like to receive this as a party favor, or is it just junk? Give your guests reusable, secondhand, or homemade trinkets.
- Skip the gifts and party favors altogether! Focus on creating memories with your guests. Take photos and create a digital photo album so guests can look back at pictures after the event.