

Quality of life each day of life

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sustainable business practices

No Haste. No Waste.

thoughtful waste management models

Sustainable Event

Sustainable Event Summary/Goals

Adopt a Sustainable Event Waste Management Plan that can be used throughout the event planning, event day(s) and event cleanup life cycle. Manage four waste types with thoughtfulness and ease. The model below serves as a starting point for sustainable event waste management planning. Create your own additional ways to reduce waste. Fun idea: Have a Sustainable Event prize/winner for the event site that creates the least amount of "Waste."

Types of Waste				
	Re-Usables	Compostables	Recyclables	Waste
	Misc. Decorations, Table Covers, Signage, etc.	Desired Compostable Natural Waste (fruits & vegetables, coffee grinds, flowers)	Plastics (Bottles, Food Packaging, etc.); Paper (Plates, Napkins, Cups, etc.); Glass; Metals	Waste that cannot be re-used, composted, or recycled (breads, baked goods, meat, fish, shellfish, eggs, dairy, snack food etc.)
Reduce, Re-use, Recycle Methods Available	Re-use items that are in good condition or find an alternative use for items that still have a function/value.	Research local compost partners - i.e. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) (http://www.farmfresh.org/food/csa.php?zip=02215).	Research local recycling partners -i.e. Recycling Event Pickup/Drop-off Options; Recycling Sites.	Research further ways to reduce waste that is currently considered "the trash" i.e. uneaten prepared food, if still consumable, might feed the hungry @ a local meal center.
Sustainable Event Planning:				
	Identify ahead of time the re-usables. Make a list. Identify and gather the re-usables prior to the event.	Identify ahead of time the expected compostables. Make a list. Network with local CSAs to manage desired natural waste from event site to local CSA compost area(s).	Identify ahead of time the expected recyclables. Make a list. Identify recycling process(es) for all recyclables.	Identify ahead of time the expected waste that will not be re-usable, compostable, or recyclable. Make a list.
Sustainable Event Practice:				
	Re-use decorations, table covers, signage, etc. where applicable.	At each event site, within a "Sustainable Event Waste Management Area" - "Compost," a visible, clearly labeled bin for desired natural waste. Post the list that was created in the planning stage (i.e. "Compostables: apples, oranges, bananas").	At each event site, within a "Sustainable Event Waste Management Area" - "Recycling," a visible, clearly labeled bin for all or segregated recycling. Post the list that was created in the planning stage (i.e. "Recyclables: bottles, cups, plates, napkins, packaging materials").	At each event site, within a "Sustainable Event Waste Management Area" - "Waste," a visible, clearly labeled bin for materials that cannot be re-used, composted or recycled- Post the list that was created in the planning stage (i.e. "Waste: uneaten or half eaten baked goods, doughnuts, chips").
Sustainable Event Cleanup:				
	Identify re-usables and store for the next event or allocate to another useful purpose.	Consolidate event "Compost" & Arrange pickup/drop-off with CSA partner or other composting resource.	Consolidate event "Recycling" & Arrange pickup/drop-off with recycling resources.	Consolidate event "Waste" & dispose of accordingly.