Sustainability-Friendly Hosting Guidelines

Hosting a greener event is easier than you think.

Third-party fundraisers don't need to be perfect to make a positive impact. Small, thoughtful choices help align your event with Living Green Barrie's values.

Simple Ways to Reduce Waste

- Encourage reusable cups, bottles, and containers.
- Choose digital tickets and promotion over printing.
- Skip single-use decorations when possible.
- Rent or borrow decor, tableware etc. Ensure borrowed items are labelled.

Food & Beverage Tips

- Offer plant-forward or vegetarian options.
- Use bulk snacks or platters instead of individually packaged items.
- Work with venues that support recycling and composting.
- Build composting into your event

Transportation & Access

- Encourage walking, cycling, or carpooling.
- Choose accessible venues where possible.
- Consider virtual or hybrid options if appropriate.

Positive Messaging

- Keep sustainability suggestions friendly, not preachy.
- Focus on participation and inclusion.
- Celebrate effort over perfection.

Send us a picture of your eco-savvy event waste and brag!

A Living Green Example

Living Green Annual Gala in The Woods

Each year in September, Living Green hosts our annual Gala. Here are a few ways we ensure our event is low to zero waste.

- Average number of guests- 130
- Table ware rented and borrowed
- Decor borrowed, hand picked florals (native wild flowers in 2025)
- Local sourcing- food, auction items, entertainment, etc.
- Proper composting and recycling
- Donating leftovers
- No swag, gift bags etc. We hand out baby trees and other renewable/sustainable giveaways. ***BONUS*** *Trees, once mature, help to offset carbon emissions.*

Gala 2025





Need advice on ensuring your event is as sustainable as possible? We got you!