

# 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

#### Gala in the Woods

**An evening where elegance meets sustainability!**

Every detail of this annual fundraiser has been carefully designed to reduce waste, highlight local talent and give back to the environment.



- Local vendors reduces carbon footprint and supports local!
- Locally grown florals mixed with foraged native plants
- FSC-certified recycled paper
- Borrowing decor like lights, candles and barware.
- Renting dishes and composting and or donating leftovers

**Hosting a near zero-waste event is possible!**

**The entire amount of waste from this event with 130 people!**



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