



Sustainability with Style

When you show up as who you are in every aspect of your life, you have congruency. If you are an environmentalist (and shouldn't we all be at this point!) it is possible to have your dream wedding and have it be sustainable.

We are an eco-friendly venue. Here is what we do to be sustainable:

- We have recycling stations readily available, and have a good in-house recycling policy
- We use recycled bamboo paper products (toilet paper, paper towels)
- We use water efficient appliances and fixtures, and has a water-saving policy in place
- We have a smart energy policy that looks to control wastage
- We use smart temperature controls and LED lighting
- We encourage reduced plastic usage.
- We offer the flexibility to incorporate your sustainability goals into your event

A sustainable wedding is a beautiful way to celebrate your love while minimizing your impact on the environment. We do not mandate anything, and your decor and food choices are yours to make, but we do encourage sustainable practices. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Décor:** Use natural materials like wood, flowers, and greenery for your decorations. You can also rent or borrow decorations instead of buying them, or make your own. This is often more economical also!
- There are many new sustainable options for flowers. Did you know there are wooden flowers? They are soft and beautiful and are often hand-painted. These are better for the environment than any silk options and can keep for years. If you are going with fresh flowers, use a florist that relies mostly on local grown flowers. You can even share your flowers with another bride with this innovative program available in Philadelphia! They match you with another bride getting married on the same weekend

<https://www.bloomerent.com/>

- Say no to helium balloons made of mylar. They are non-biodegradable and can travel miles, ending up in our oceans. Balloons in general contribute to our plastic pollution problem. Although balloons only take moments to release, they could take hundreds of years to biodegrade. Over time, these balloon pieces get smaller and smaller and eventually turn into microplastics. Balloons also harm marine life because they're often ingested by animals
- **Food and drink:** Serve locally sourced, seasonal food and drink.. Not only will you be helping to support local businesses and farmers, you'll also bypass excess emissions from transporting items from farther away.
- You can also offer a vegetarian or vegan menu, which is more sustainable than a meat-based one.
- You can be eco-conscious and chic when setting your table. You can rent dishes and utensils, which is often an option through your caterer. vs using disposables. Or, you can buy cheap plates at thrift stores or check your local buy/sell groups on Facebook for deals on used dishes. If you do choose disposable, make them recycled paper or compostable bamboo.
- **Invitations and stationery:** Use recycled paper or seed paper for your invitations and stationery. You can also send electronic invitations, which are more eco-friendly than paper ones.
- **Favors:** Give your guests eco-friendly favors, such as potted plants, seeds, or donations to a charity in their name.
- **Transportation:** Encourage your guests to carpool or take public transportation to your wedding. Our venue is conveniently close to the East Falls train station.
- **Shop local and secondhand.** Look for vintage wedding attire, decorations, and other items that are made locally or secondhand.
- **DIY as much as possible.** Making your own decorations, favors, and food is a great way to save money and be more sustainable.
- **Communicate your values to your guests.** Let your guests know that you are planning a sustainable wedding and why it is important to you.

Here are some links with great ideas for more sustainable weddings and parties.

<https://www.brides.com/story/earth-day-eco-friendly-wedding-ideas>

I hope this helps



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