



HINTS FOR A ZERO WASTE HOLIDAY PARTY- IT'S EASY!

- Order party goods from Eco Products (<https://www.ecoproductsstore.com/>) or World Centric (<http://www.worldcentric.org/biocompostables>). World Centric gives 20% discount for schools and non-profits. You can also purchase compostable Chinet plates locally from Costco, Stop and Shop, or Decicco's.
- Ecoproducts.com delivers in less than a week. To be compostable, everything must be BPI certified and say compostable, NOT biodegradable! Compostable materials are made from corn, sugarcane or other plant material. We strongly recommend you purchase the green, compostable utensils from Ecoproducts (https://www.ecoproducts.com/products_search.php?search=&search_string=green+utensils) which are high quality and the green color will be an important visual cue of compostability.
- Different size plates, cold cups, and hot cups are available. For fancier plates, you may wish to check out Bhreez Palm Leaf Plates from Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Brheez-Disposable-Bamboo-SQUARE-Natural/dp/B071JQ1K8P/ref=sr_1_sc_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1542195555&sr=8-1-spell&keywords=Bhreez+Palm+Leaf+Plates. Of course Eco products and Trader Joe's sell recycled paper napkins, but any napkins including colored, are compostable and acceptable.
- It's important to be alert to non compostables. Regular paper plates which often have a coating that can be hard to see but which make it non-compostable should be avoided. Plastic cups which are recyclable but not compostable make it hard to tell the difference. Compostable will say so and recyclable will have a triangle. At a party, stick with all compostables to avoid confusion.
- The compost bin can be lined with a compostable bag (can purchase at Maxwell Ave.) or a regular large plastic garbage bag can be used. When the compost is brought to Maxwell Ave. following the block party, the compostable bag can be dumped in the food waste bin, but if a plastic bag is used, everything in it must be dumped and the plastic bag itself thrown into the trash. When dropping off a full compostable bag at Maxwell Ave., make sure to squeeze out the air- there is a lot of air and wasted space in bags with partyware!
- It's very important to monitor the compost bin! Have 3 bins that are clearly labeled with obvious signs- "Compost", Recycle and Trash. A paper bin is typically not necessary for a party. Keep an eye out and check the compost bin periodically. Keep a long pair of tongs available for dumpster-diving when necessary! You may also wish to have a liquid container into which guests can empty excess liquid to minimize liquid in the compost bin which can cause the compostable bin liner to deteriorate quickly.
- The key is: "When in doubt, throw it out!" And, "What comes from nature goes back to nature!"
- If possible, use cloth or reusable tablecloths to cover tables rather than disposable tablecloths. Also, try reusable decorations, along with inexpensive glassware, coffee mugs and utensils. All can be purchased at thrift stores, washed, and reused at your next party!
- Any questions, please email information@lmsanitation.org or the sustainability coordinator at sodierna@townofmamaroneckny.org

Have a wonderful, green event!