

Greening our Celebrations

a guide to reducing waste, saving energy and being friendly to our Mother Earth

General rules of thumb

Avoid using disposable plastic and paper items.

Save and reuse as much as possible.

Think before you toss—can that item be reused again or recycled?

Tablecloths

- fabric tablecloths are in the Fireside Room closet

Users are responsible for washing and ironing.

- plastic cloths are in the kitchen area and can be found in the “green celebrations” cupboard and in the drawers marked “plastic tablecloths”. If possible, please clean and save them for reuse.

If you buy new ones because of a color you want, wipe them off with warm water, fold along the original lines and store. Round cloths are rolled for easier storage.

Dinnerware

- Reusable dinnerware is in the kitchen area cupboards.

Drinkware Brown coffee mugs, white coffee cups are available in the Fireside room and the kitchen. Glasses and drinking cups are in the kitchen.

Tableware Drawers are labeled in the kitchen.

Napkins Cloth napkins can be found in the Fireside Room and in the “green celebration” cupboard

Disposable Use items made from recycled materials or items that can be recycled or composted. Items can be purchased at *Whole Foods, Trader Joe's*, or ordered through internet sites such as *WorldCentric*.

Look for the words “compostable”, “100% post consumer waste”, “recyclable plastic”.

As with anything purchased, please buy only items packaged in recyclable materials.

Drying towels, washcloths

- Stored in the kitchen drawers and in the Fireside Room

Please take home and wash after use.

Dishwasher

- Operating instructions are on the dishwasher.

For a successful and green cleanup

-Set up an area where utensils and trash can be collected.

-Designate a group to collect and cleanup so items are properly collected and recycled.

Make sure that-

- ✓ Recyclable tableware gets rinsed and put in the recycle bin.
- ✓ Compostables are disposed of in a compost pile or trash.
- ✓ Reusable tableware gets washed and put away.

A “green advisor” is always available to lend a hand. Just ask!

Our goal is to reduce waste, reuse resources, and recycle as much as possible.