

Salt Lake County's

Green Holiday Party Guide



SEND ECO-FRIENDLY INVITATIONS: Free email-invitation websites abound these days. If a tangible invite is a must, reuse last year's holiday cards; simply cut along the fold and use the decorative half as a postcard!



DECORATE WITH WHAT YOU HAVE: Reuse old decorations (no one will remember!) or gather natural decorations in your yard or local park. Pine cones, branches, needles, berries and leaves all lend a festive feel!



USE REUSABLE DISHES: If you don't have enough for your guests, buy a few extra on the cheap at your local thrift store and donate them back when your party season is over, save them for next year, or loan them to friends!



PROVIDE CLOTH NAPKINS: If you don't have enough for your guests, consider cutting up an old sheet with pinking shears to minimize fray.



PREPARE LOCAL FOOD: Try to use local ingredients in your recipes and purchase for grass-fed meat and dairy products. Yummier and greener!



SERVE DRINKS IN BULK: Forego individual servings and go for a punch bowl and cups. If you do choose to buy single-serving drinks, be sure they come in recyclable containers!



REMEMBER TO RECYCLE: Place your recycling bin in an easy-to-spot location. If you don't have one, look into borrowing one from us via our website; recycle.slco.org



SEND HOME LEFTOVERS: At the end of the evening, don't stack a paper plate high with leftovers for your guest, put them in your collection of empty butter tubs and wide-mouth jars. No guilt, and no need for returned dishes!



SKIP THE PARTY FAVORS: Inviting your friends and family into your home and feeding them is present enough!



REMEMBER WHY YOU'RE CELEBRATING: The important part is to be with family and friends during this season. The rest is fluff.