



# Fairfax County Park Authority Green Event Guidelines

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We encourage all groups to make every attempt to ensure their event leaves a minimum impact on the environment. Consider these options when planning your event:

## Provide Recycling

- Clearly mark bins for collecting recyclables and make arrangements to remove them after the event
- Visit the Fairfax County Recycling website for support:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling/>
- Provide recycling monitors by recruiting volunteers to monitor recycling bins to ensure participants use them properly

## Reduce Emissions

- Use Low Emission or Biofuel Generators
- Use Hybrid, Electric or Natural Gas Vehicles and Machinery (ex. electric golf carts or gators)
- Keep vehicles out of the park and avoid engine idling

## Promote Public Transportation

- Provide shuttles from a central location within the county to your event
- Find and promote public transportation routes to your event
- Publicize the Fairfax County Park Authority Trail Buddy to encourage bicycling to your event and provide specific bicycle parking areas. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/trails/>

## Healthy Food Options

- Use Locally Sourced, healthy and sustainable food options
- Provide alternatives to bottled water such as encouraging event participants to bring their own reusable bottle or arrange for reusable bottle giveaways by your group or a vendor

## Use Recycled Materials

- Make reusable signage
- Use recycled paper in all promotional materials

## Spread the Word

- Publicize the environmental measures taken at your event and/or provide environmental education