

# Eco-Friendly Wedding Planning

This guide offers tips on how to organize a wedding with sustainability in mind. It covers choosing eco-friendly venues, decorations, and alternatives for traditional wedding favors to minimize the environmental impact of the celebration.

## Step 1: Venue Selection

Choose a sustainable venue for the wedding. Look for locations that have green certifications or that operate with sustainability practices, such as farms, botanical gardens, or eco-resorts. Consider the accessibility of the venue to reduce the travel-related carbon footprint.

## Step 2: Invitation Options

Opt for digital invitations to save on paper, or select invites made of recycled materials or seed paper. Ensure that the design is eco-friendly and communicate your sustainability efforts to guests through the invitation content.

## Step 3: Decor Planning

Plan decorations with the environment in mind. Use items that are biodegradable, recycled, or can be repurposed after the event. Incorporate natural elements like potted plants, which guests can take home, or rent items rather than buying new.

## Step 4: **Catering Choices**

Select a catering service that uses locally sourced and organic ingredients to reduce the carbon footprint. Consider offering a vegetarian or vegan menu and provide clearly marked waste disposal options to encourage recycling and composting during the event.

## Step 5: **Favor Alternatives**

Instead of traditional wedding favors, consider giving guests something that won't end up in a landfill. Options include planting a tree in their honor, making a donation to a green cause, or giving away small live plants or seeds for guests to grow.

# **General Notes**

## **Dress & Attire**

Encourage the wedding party to wear attire that is second-hand, rented, or made from sustainable fabrics. Consider dress options that can be worn again for different occasions.

## **Offset Emissions**

If your wedding still has a carbon footprint that can't be avoided, look into carbon offset programs that support renewable energy or reforestation projects to balance out the impact.