

**Earth Friendly Celebrations**

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- ♥ Substitute throw-away plastic table covers with bedding sheets (lots of great designs) or butcher/craft paper (furnish crayons or makers for guests to decorate)
- ♥ Use paper lanterns (that can be collapsed to use again) instead of balloons
- ♥ Choose party favors wisely:
  - Select paper bags rather than plastic
  - Give a book to young attendees, related to the party theme
  - Give a photo frame (can be decorated) with a picture of the guest(s)
- ♥ Consider “no gifts/hostess thank-yous” or better yet, encourage attendees to bring a donation for the area animal shelter or food pantry
- ♥ Substitute plastic tableware and straws with paper goods (compostable ones are best!)
- ♥ Having a large number of guests? Provide markers or labels for their cups, so only one per person is needed.
- ♥ Provide labeled trash bags, separating landfill and recyclable items.

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