

HOLDING AN ECO-FRIENDLY EVENT

An eco-friendly event is a party or a gathering organized in such a way as to minimize the negative impacts (such as the production of garbage and greenhouse gases) and maximize the positive impacts (such as stimulating the local economy).



How to make your event eco-friendly

- Stimulate the local economy by doing business with **local suppliers and caterers** and by **eating local**.
- **Reduce the volume of garbage** sent to the landfill through simple substitutions:

INSTEAD OF...	USE...
plastic or styrofoam dishes and utensils	<p>compostable dishes and utensils made from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unwaxed cardboard • paper • wood or bamboo • bagasse* • PLA #7* <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • real dishes <p>Utensils, dishes and the leftovers they contain can be thrown in the brown bin (while recyclable dishes must be rinsed before putting into the blue recycling bin).</p> <p>Use our commercial-grade, lightning-quick dishwasher!</p>
plastic stir sticks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wooden stir sticks • uncooked spaghetti! • a spoon <p>Compostable!</p> <p>Reusable!</p>
bottled water	<p>water pitchers</p> <p>The tap water at Town Hall is tested regularly and it is excellent!</p>
<p>food and drinks packaged in single servings such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coffee "creamers" • packets of sugar 	<p>bulk foods and products with as little wrapping as possible</p> <p>By limiting the volume of garbage, you help reduce the greenhouse gases that are causing the extreme weather we experience more and more.</p> <p> Individual creamer containers are not recyclable!</p>

* Bagasse is the fibrous residue left over from the sugar cane. PLA # 7 is a biodegradable plastic that can be put in the brown bin (but not in the blue bin!).

- **Sort the garbage with care**, using the colour coordinated bins at the entrance of the Community Hall.

Where can I buy compostable dishes?

In Sherbrooke:
Écolo Boutique
819-542-3425



www.ecoloboutique.ca

In Montreal (Hochelaga-Maisonneuve):
Boutique Écoresponsable Terre à Soi
514-759-8772

www.terrasoi.coop

Is there a directory of local suppliers?

Go to the website of the Memphremagog MRC:

www.mrcmemphremagog.com

In the green strip at the top of the screen, click on **Répertoire - territoire agrisensoriel***. You will find a list of suppliers of all kinds, as well as all the farmers' markets held on MRC territory.

* The directory is in French only, but the graphics make it fairly easy to use.

If I use real dishes, how do I operate the Municipality's dishwasher?

Operating instructions are posted near the dishwasher. Please read them carefully.

Tip - Start the dishwasher 20 minutes before loading so that the water can reach its optimal temperature. The wash cycle then takes only about 3 minutes. Afterward, take out the racks and let the dishes air dry.

Is there a guide to sort the garbage in the different bins?

Graphic guides posted over each bin briefly list the types of garbage to be placed within each of the Community Hall bins.

Not sure about something? Consult The Good Riddance! Guide; there should be copies in the hallway brochures racks.



I have other questions!

Our Environmental Specialist, Marie-Élaine Lacroix, will be happy to assist you!

☎ 819-843-2388, ext. 229.

Thank you for helping to make our community greener!