

NORTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Green Events at the Garden

The North Carolina Botanical Garden pursues this important mission: *to inspire understanding, appreciation and conservation of plants in gardens and natural areas and to advance a sustainable relationship between people and nature.*

We ask you — our program leaders and participants, users and visitors — to please help us to pursue this mission. In an effort to conserve natural resources, we request that you hold trash-free events when you use our facility by reducing, recycling, and reusing.

Please see suggestions on how to achieve this goal.



Join us in support of a diverse, sustainable, and environmentally friendly world through gardening, natural area conservation, and our conservation and environmental ethic . . .

REDUCE

- *Please avoid using plastic containers* — although many plastic products have a recycling logo, many of these cannot be locally recycled.
- *Avoid purchasing drinks in individual bottles* — buy larger volumes that can be served in reusable or compostable cups ... tap water in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area is supplied by OWASA, which was recently voted the best tasting in NC!

REDUCE

- *Bring your own cups, plates, and silverware.*
- *Overly packaged products* — request that vendors supply foods in reusable containers.

RECYCLE

- If you must use plastic products, ensure that they CAN be recycled.
- Aluminum and steel are recyclable, but it is far better to avoid *having* to recycle.
- Paper, newsprint, and paperboard are standard recycling items.

COMPOST

- Most paper products can be composted, but try to avoid those with waxed or foil layers.
- Request from us that compost and recycling containers be included in any setup requests.