

# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## How to Host A Zero Waste New Year's Eve Party – Part II

Celebrate the start of the New Year on a sustainable note with these steps for hosting a zero-waste party that's both scrumptious and eco-friendly! Here's more advice to make your event waste-free:



### **FOOD & DRINK: The best time to reduce waste is before it is even created.**

- Opt for finger foods like pigs-in-a-blanket, antipasto skewers, and coconut shrimp to avoid the need for disposable utensils.
- Serve drinks in pitchers or a punch bowl, providing reusable cups or glasses for guests.
- Ditch plastic straws altogether.
- Reduce excess food waste by having shared entrée dishes so partygoers will only take as much as they want to eat.
- Encourage guests to bring their own reusable containers from home for leftovers.

### **RECYCLE & COMPOST: Make it easy for guests to recycle and compost at the party.**

- Welcome guests with a brief announcement explaining what items are recyclable or compostable and where to dispose of them. It might seem awkward at first, but it will pay off in the end.
- Clearly label collection bins, and add a festive touch by crafting homemade signs for trash, recycle, and compost.
- Ensure that recyclables are recycled and that food waste is composted after the party concludes.

Hosting a zero-waste New Year's party will demonstrate your commitment to environmental conservation and inspire others to join the movement. Cheers to a greener, more sustainable New Year!

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