

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

A Zero Waste 4th of July: Fun & Eco-Friendly Celebration Tips!

Get ready to celebrate America's Independence with a sustainable twist by breaking free from single-use items! Here are some great ways to go zero waste this 4th of July.

- **Decorations** – add a festive touch without creating waste: Turn mason jars into patriotic luminaries by painting them in red, white, and blue and placing candles inside.
- **Snacks and drinks** – waste-free and guilt-free: Set up a drink station with infused water or homemade beverages. Encourage guests to bring their own refillable water bottles or provide reusable cups.
- **Mindful Grilling** – the local and sustainable way: Choose sustainably sourced, organic ingredients for your grilling menu. Support local farmers, reduce your carbon footprint, and enjoy better flavors. Delicious and planet-friendly!
- **Compost** – divert your food scraps: Instead of sending those half-eaten hot dog buns to the landfill, you can put food scraps to work for you in the garden, as a soil amendment, or just as a way to celebrate your freedom (from waste).



Now that you're equipped to **throw an unforgettable**, zero waste 4th of July party. Proudly flaunt your one-of-a-kind decorations, provide waste-free drinking options, get your grill on with lower-food-mile choices, and make the most of composting.

Let's celebrate our independence while caring for our planet. For more Zero Waste tips, please visit gainesvillefl.gov/ZeroWaste.

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