

## Green Event Resources Guide

The purpose of this guide is to provide a list of suggested ways you can locally and conveniently incorporate low waste and more sustainable options at your event. Some of these suggestions can also be incorporated permanently at your facility or venue where events are held.

### Active and Public Transportation



To reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, ensure that bike racks are available at your event. If bike racks are not available, B!KE Community Bike Shop located in the City of Peterborough may have portable valet bike racking available for rent. For more information, visit: <http://communitybikeshop.org/>



If your event is walkable, use the Selwyn Trails Brochure to identify nearby connections to trails and active transportation routes that can be used to access your event and promote these in your communications.

<http://www.selwyntownship.ca/en/discoverourtownship/resources/Trails/Selwyn-Trails-Brochure.pdf>



Public transportation is another environmentally friendly alternative to single-occupancy vehicles. **The Link** Rural Community Transportation System will be available in May, 2020 and operate Monday-Friday. *The Link* will provide access to major hubs throughout Selwyn Township and connections to the City of Peterborough transit system. Once information becomes available, check if the route and schedule coincides with your event and promote this as a transportation option.

### Water

Instead of having bottled water at your event or facility, there are several companies in the Peterborough area offering refillable water products such as water coolers and bottle refilling stations. These include:

- **Rocky Ridge Water:** <http://www.rockyridgewater.com/>
- **Culligan Water:** <https://www.culligan.com/>
- **McLeods Eco Water:** <https://www.mcleodsecowater.com/>



**Peterborough Utilities Group:** PUG offers a portable water refilling station called the PTBO H2O Mobile Drinking Water Station that you can rent for your outdoor event in the summer season. These are especially suitable for multi-day festivals. Make sure you include in your event communications that people must bring their own reusable water bottle or ensure you have reusable bottles or cups at your event. PUG will deliver the PTBO H2O Mobile Drinking Water Station and take it away after your event.



For more information, visit:

[https://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Water/PTBO\\_H2O\\_Mobile\\_Drinking\\_Water\\_Station.htm](https://www.peterboroughutilities.ca/Water/PTBO_H2O_Mobile_Drinking_Water_Station.htm)

## Alcohol

If you are serving alcohol at your event and want to cut down on cans and bottles, there are local breweries that will serve draught beer. Contact Township staff for ideas.

For wine and spirits, try to purchase organic, locally made products from independent wineries, distilleries or the LCBO.

Make sure you have designated reusable mugs and glasses available that guests can use for drinks.

## Reusable drink containers & bags

Instead of using disposable drink containers like plastic water bottles or alcoholic cans and bottles, consider investing in reusable bottles, cups or mugs branded to your facility or event. The same goes for reusable bags instead of disposable plastic bags.



There are several local manufacturers that offer branding services for bottles, cups, mugs and bags. These include:

- **Talbot Promo:** <https://www.talbot-promo.com/>
- **Branded Merchandise Canada:** <http://www.brandedmerchandise.ca/>
- **Ricarts Promotions and Recognition:** [www.ricarts.ca](http://www.ricarts.ca)

### Reusable dishwashing station

For larger scale, multi-day events reusable dishwashing stations are a great alternative to having vendors serve food in disposable dishware. Dishwashing stations are relatively simple to set up and a fun job for volunteers.

Reusable dishes can be rented through the **Green Dishes** program by **OPIRG** in the City of Peterborough: <https://opirgptbo.ca/green-dishes/>



Reusable dishes may also be available for purchase at the **New-To-You Stores** across Selwyn Township. Keeping a stock of reusable dishes at your facility or reserved for your events is a great green investment!

**Selwyn Township New-To-You Stores:** <http://www.selwyntownship.ca/en/selwynlibrary/New-to-You-stores.asp>

**Food Donations:** if there is leftover food from your event some of it may be eligible to be donated to a local foodbank or a food rescue program. For links to organizations and programs accepting food donations in the City and County of Peterborough, visit:

<https://www.foodinpeterborough.ca/get-involved/donate-foodfunds/>

Peterborough Public Health offers a Food Safety Resource to ensure safe food donations: <https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SafeFoodDonations-December-2018.pdf>

**\*Note:** some people might wonder how using water to wash reusable dishes is more environmentally friendly than simply throwing a single-use plastic plate in the garbage. There is a lot of “hidden” water involved in the manufacturing of single-use plastics- certainly more than what is used to wash a single dish. For more information and to calculate your water footprint, visit:

<https://www.watercalculator.org/footprint/the-hidden-water-in-everyday-products/>