

# Women's Harvest Lunch 2022 - Sustainable Design Tips

## Tabletop Items (China, Flatware, Glassware, & Linens)

- Use existing items instead of purchasing new! You may achieve this in a few ways:
  - Use items that you already have on hand at home
  - Head to a thrift store or antique shop to find hidden treasures that match your tabletop theme
  - Rent items that are used multiple times for events from local rental companies like:
    - Display Group
    - Event Source
    - Event Theory
- Avoid using disposable, single-use items (particularly those made of plastic). Compostable items are a plus!
- Invest in plant dyed, locally made linens and napkins from a company like:
  - Rosemarine Textiles

## Flowers

- Source locally grown flowers from farmers in our community!
  - Eastern Market
  - Willa Rose Floral
  - & many more!

## Decorative Items

- Incorporate upcycled or recycled decorative elements instead of purchasing newly produced items! You may achieve this in a few ways:
  - Search Etsy! Shops on Etsy sell upcycled, recycled, and antique goods that span almost anything you can think of
  - Head to a thrift store or antique shop to find hidden treasures that match your tabletop theme

## *Printed Materials*

- Use recycled paper for your printed materials!
  - Specialty recycled paper may be purchased at in-person or online shops & boutiques
  - Standard, and also beautiful, recycled cardstock may be purchased at FedEx

## *After The Event*

- Donate any items tabletop or decorative items that you will not use again to a thrift store. One person's trash may be another's treasure!
- Compost flowers
- Recycle printed materials