



Plastic-Free Beach Events

This Tip Tuesday was inspired by one of our Instagram followers who shared this post with us:



While the beach is one of the most beautiful, free and natural resources the world has to offer unfortunately, there is no cleaning service to call once the party is over. The sand and surf at the beach play host to anything from picnics and birthday parties to weddings and baptisms, but we must remember to leave the landscape as clean as when we arrived.

Ditch the Single-use: If you plan on eating at the beach bring dishes made of stainless steel, ceramic, glass or bamboo. Reusable utensils are a plus and cloth napkins add a "home-y" touch to any beach event. Glass mason jars with chalkboard stickers are a great way to label drinks so no one loses their

beverage!

Balloons Blow Away! Instead of the helium-filled balloon decorations be creative and use ribbons, flags, recycled paper streamers, or luminaries.

BYO: Encourage guests to bring their own blankets or towels. For weddings or beach ceremonies rent wooden chairs or ask to borrow various pieces of outdoor furniture from friends and family.

What to Do: Plastic-free children games include traditional tag, duck-duck-goose, scavenger hunts, building a sandcastle, water sports, flying a paper kite and horseshoes. Adult games include water sports, corn hole, Bocce ball and Paddle Ball.



Tuesday Fun Fact:

Beat the Heat!

Did You Know?

According to the EPA's iWarm tool, **recycling 15 plastic bottles** saves you enough energy to power **36 hours of an air conditioner.**

[Click here for the EPA's "Save Energy by Recycling" Tool.](#)



Go Plastics-Free and end your plastic habits today!

- 1) [Click here to sign our pledge](#)
- 2) Tell us how you're doing and share your ideas
- 3) Encourage others to take the pledge
- 4) Spread the word via Social Media

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