



# BeWasteWise

## Waste Reduction Tips for your Block Party

1. Instead of using paper invitations, send out e-mails or set up an event on Facebook
2. Reduce food waste by buying only what you need. Have guests RSVP and create a grocery list to reduce the amount of food waste going into the Green Organics Cart
3. Go strawless! Straws are not recyclable and go in the garbage
4. Set up a Waste Station with a Brown Garbage Cart, Green Organics Cart and Blue Recycling Bag to allow guests to sort their waste. This will reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill. Use the “Be Waste Wise: What Goes In” sorting lists to help guests put waste in the right place
5. Provide bulk dispensers for condiments, such as a bottle of ketchup, instead of individual packets
6. Encourage guests to bring their own reusable dishware, cups and cutlery instead of using disposable products. Plastic utensils and Styrofoam are not recyclable and go in the garbage
7. Organize a swap and share event with your neighbours or friends! Trade reusable items like kid’s toys, clothing, CDs/DVDs and tools
8. If there are leftovers after the Block Party, share with guests instead of putting the food directly into the Green Organics Cart
9. Purchase durable and re-usable decorations so they can be used for future Block Parties
10. Ensure you thoroughly clean up the Block Party area, as food waste can attract urban wildlife

For more information on the City’s waste and diversion programs, visit [stalbert.ca/waste](http://stalbert.ca/waste)