

Event Checklist

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Catering	Waste	Energy & Water	Other
Provide plant-based options Reduce waste from drinks 1-Provide drinks in pitchers or large dispensers and/or 2-Ask attendees to bring personal water bottle/mug Eliminate plastic coffee stirrers, paper doilies and straws Ask attendees to register for meals to better estimate quantities and reduce potential excess	 ☐ Use whiteboards instead of paper boards ☐ Create signs/banners so they can be reused (avoid dates, names, etc.) ☐ Request reusable name plate* ☐ Use paperless methods as much as possible to advertise (when necessary print on Forest Stewardship Certified paper and place a "please recycle" reminder at the bottom ☐ Request outdoor water bottle refill station* 	 ☐ Turn off all electronics when not in use ☐ Monitor water use when necessary ☐ Check that everything is turned off when leaving the event ☐ Use the solar-powered generator for outdoor events where possible* 	Strive to invite local presenters, speakers, panelists, etc. Book rooms at a Green Hotels Association hotel¹ for out-of-town presenters
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Request local, organic, seasonal and fair trade options be utilized where possible Request compostable tableware Utilize reusable table cloths Avoid individually packaged items (butter, cream cheese, sugar, condiments, snacks, bottled/canned drinks)	 □ Advertise the event completely paperless¹ □ Utilize only reusable decorations (potted plants vs. cut flowers) □ Ask attendees to bring their own nametags □ Request compost waste collection 	Hold your event in a room that provides natural lighting (for example, in Fisher Student Center consider Masonboro Island, Wrightsville Beach, Topsail Island, Sunset Beach, Commercial Realty or Saffo rooms) Offset your greenhouse gas emissions	Request event materials (PowerPoints, flyers, biographies, etc.) be distributed in advance so participants can access them virtually Encourage participants to evaluate the event in a online survey, including the effectiveness of the sustainable aspects
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Request reusable dinnerware and napkins¹ Provide information on the sustainable qualities of the food* Share reasons why vegetarian options are sustainable*	 □ Provide clear and informative signage indicating recycling, composting and landfill waste* □ Make plans for a "zero waste" event (90% of materials are reusable, recyclable or compostable) □ Provide information on event's efforts to reduce and reuse* 	Provide information about the sustainable practices at the event location such as natural lighting, low flow water fixtures, renewable energy and recycling/composting efforts*	Announce to participants the goal of holding a sustainable event Prepare favors for participants and presenters that include local products, educational materials and sustainable alternatives to everyday needs (ex. reusable bag) Appoint a sustainability coordinator for the event
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Any credits that are not applicable will not count against the total percentage of points, place O in those boxes.

Combined Talon Point Total

^{*} Items can be requested from UNCW Sustainability

¹ You receive points for a similar credit that cannot be replicated