

# Waste-Free Party Set

Our School PTA provides this waste-free party set to help reduce our school's waste and carbon footprint

It might not seem like parties would create much waste, but with three (or more) parties a year for 400+ students, that makes 1200 plates and more!

Please return to ...  
**Room Number**

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## How to use...

Use for any parties, events or celebrations. Instead of buying/bringing disposable items, one parent signs up to...

- take set home
- run through the dish washer
- return set to class clean and dry

## This box should include...

- ☐ 36 plates    ☐ 36 cups    ☐ 36 bowls,  
☐ 36 forks    ☐ 36 spoons    ☐ 36 knives

Additional items...

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are missing items and need replacements email: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU** for helping the environment!

## Here are some ways you can reduce waste at parties...

- Reduce waste by buying bigger packets of food rather than smaller individually wrapped items. Buy drinks in large recyclable bottles, rather than disposable, individual drinks
- Reduce landfill waste in the gray can by sorting correctly: recyclables --> blue can compostables --> green can.
- Avoid non-recyclable items such as juice pouches, styrofoam, plastic table cloths, plastic forks, straws, and overly packaged foods.
- When giving gifts, use reusable gift bags. Try giving coupons for service gifts instead of items.

Preferable	Avoid
	
	 Juice pouches are landfill waste
	 Baby wipes are landfill waste
<p>Use the class set of plates, cups, bowls &amp; flatware</p> 	 Straws and flatware are landfill waste

## Here are some Green party ideas/activities...

- Instead of a large cake get cupcakes, the kids won't need plates and the wrapping can go in the green waste - zero landfill waste!
- Hold an Olympics Party: Set up a series of fun activities including relay races, jump rope and kickball. For treats, hand out cookie "medals".
- Decorate reusable cloth napkins; kids can sign their names on them and draw designs with fabric pens. They can use them at lunch instead of disposable wipes/napkins.
- Make paper airplanes out of old magazines or old school notices.
- Make cootie catchers out of the back of paper that has only been used on one side - kids can fill in their own messages.
- For a winter party make paper chains and snowflakes out of recycled paper.
- For more info check out eco-friendly class party ideas:  
[www.roommomspot.com/2012/01/19/class-party-ideas-eco-friendly-hints-tips/](http://www.roommomspot.com/2012/01/19/class-party-ideas-eco-friendly-hints-tips/)

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