

# Kitsilano Block Party

## Greening Your Block Party

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### *Let's make this the greenest block party ever!*

This tool kit offers ideas on how to make your block party a zero waste event. Green Block Parties can go a long way towards protecting our planet, conserving resources, saving money, educating and raising environmental awareness among neighbors, and building community.

#### **Getting the Green Theme message out:**

- When getting the sign-off signatures talk to your neighbours about the **Green Theme** and what they can do to make the block party greener
- Consider using chalk messages on the sidewalk to advertise the **Green Theme** with a Zero Waste Challenge
- Tell people what to bring in the invitation to make the block party greener (i.e. bring your own plate, cups and cutlery to avoid disposables and reduce waste)

#### **The Zero Waste Challenge:**

Create a challenge for the block to have a Zero Waste Block Party with these ideas.

- Purchase food, decorations and other materials that can be consumed, reused, or recycled. Avoid styrofoam & unrecyclable plastic whenever possible.
- Try to limit or avoid single use plastic items such as disposable tablecloths, utensils, cups and plates. Suggest that people use real tablecloths, regular dishes, and/or reusable picnic ware, and reusable water bottles.
- Consider packaging and the transportation impact before buying or ordering food items. Shop locally and eat locally grown food.
- Provide pitchers of water, lemonade, etc. with reusable glasses not individual drink bottles.
- Provide only recycling and compost bins. No garbage bin.

#### **Green Theme Activities:**

##### **Name Tags**

Name tags are important and name tags that help conversations are even better than just “Hello, my name is...” And if they use recycled and recyclable materials – even better. Here's a suggestion for a fun name tag. Trace your hand out of (recycled) card stock. Put a drawing or

word on each finger (and thumb) about something you like. Your name in the middle – voila an instant conversation-starter. Attach with a pin or clothes pin.

### ***Beyond Balloons***

Balloons can be dangerous to wildlife and are not recyclable. There are alternatives. Make streamers, bunting and banners from recycled and recyclable material such as fabric, cards, yarn ends or anything found in your recycle bin.

Please email us at [kitsilano@carfreevancouver.org](mailto:kitsilano@carfreevancouver.org) with your **Green Theme** and Zero Waste suggestions.



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