



Green Events Ordinance: Green Event Innovations Examples

- Operate golf carts on-site in lieu of gasoline vehicles.
- Install LED lighting for signage and art displays
- Use light to convey information as opposed to printed signage
- Use an “interactive guide” (similar to an “app”) so smart phone users can use this rather than printed maps
- Build and invest in heavy duty signage frames to attach information that can be reused each year.
- “Green” Fireworks. Through careful research fireworks vendor is pleased to offer blue formulations that contain less than 5% Perchlorate and 100% Perchlorate free formulations in all other effects. These Perchlorate free formulations contain no Dichromates, providing an additional layer of safety for sites where pyrotechnics are discharged over or near bodies of water like the fountains in Alamo Plaza.
- Recycle all tickets and wristbands used at the event including sampling concessions, admissions and VIP.
- For events with trees on site, partner with the Alamo Area Master Naturalists who will measure all the trees and label them with their value in the following categories: environmental values, aesthetic values, historic values, and monetary values.
- Create online version of the Green Events Application to eliminate printing. A simple form builder may be found at www.wufoo.com
- Partner with Eco-Centro to exhibit all aspects of sustainability and renewable energy. The Eco-Centro houses and displays the following: composting, community gardening, 3,000 gallon water catchment tank & (5)-30gallon tanks, 135 solar panels, xeriscaping and native plant garden, electric vehicle charging station, highly rated thermopane windows, energy efficient hot water heater and AC units, energy efficient lighting and demonstrations for solar thermal, solar energy, spray foam insulation, and historical upgrades.
- Host an event operating completely with renewable power
- Employ waste water recycling measures
- Operate the most fuel efficient generators on the market today saving thousands of gallons of diesel fuel.
- Convert 90 percent of event lighting to LED's which also reduces our use of generated fuel.
- Use reusable flatware
- Distribute reusable shopping bags to encourage consumption reduction of single-use plastic bags
- Educate event participants on the importance of picking up after your pet by distributing bags to pick up their dog's waste
- Give away 1000 drought tolerant plants to event participants
- Encourage adoption of 2000 trees by event participants



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- Event Committee holds a free of charge raffle to give away 30 bikes
 - All booths will provide earth friendly giveaways such as flower/plant seeds.
- Participants are given an opportunity to bring unused electronics for recycling
- Event booths use propane rather than electricity to cook
- NIOSA currently filters and recycles cooking oil from most food booths in accordance with SA Metropolitan Health Department guidelines. All used cooking oil is placed in waste oil containers provided by Metro Grease where it will be picked up after the event and Metro Grease will be responsible for disposing/processing in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws.
- NIOSA has contracted with United Site Services to collect and dispose of grey water (from melted ice). Grey water is taken to the SAWS dumpsite south of San Antonio. United Site Services is responsible for disposing of same in accordance with state, federal and local guidelines.
- Electricity use is 100% battery operated
- Event art showcases use of post-consumer material
- This event is specifically promoting active transportation to the general public without using automobiles.
- “Pedal to the Parade” promotes the San Antonio bikeshare system
- Oyster Shell Recycling. When the patron purchases the bucket of oyster and rents the oyster knife, our volunteers and students from TAMU Corpus will be there to remind the patrons to dispose of the empty shells into the proper dumpster, or leave the shells and bucket on the table. Several St. Mary’s Housekeeping staff members are dedicated to picking up the shells and plastic buckets from the tables. The shells will be transported by Republic Services to Corpus Christi for processing and recycling. Based on our order size, we hope to recycle close to 10,000 lbs. of oyster shells. The link to the Texas A&M University oyster shell program is <http://oysterrecycling.org/>
- Fashion Show Highlighting Clothes made from reusable/repurposed items
- Provide seating using man power rather than diesel equipment when delivering the approximate 18,000 chairs to the River walk level.
- Install LED lighting on parade floats