

# Eco-Friendly Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 33 items · 10 sections

Beautiful wedding, zero guilt, ethical sourcing, zero-waste planning, and green vendors.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/eco-friendly-wedding-checklist>

## VENUE

- Choose a sustainable venue (solar-powered, LEED-certified, or outdoor nature setting)  
**HIGH**
- Ask venue about recycling and composting facilities
- Choose a venue close to guests to minimize long-distance travel

## STATIONERY

- Send digital invitations to eliminate paper waste  
**HIGH**
- If printing, choose recycled or seed paper (guests can plant it!)
- Use soy-based or vegetable-based inks for any printed materials

## ATTIRE

- Choose a second-hand, vintage, or rented wedding dress  
**HIGH**
- Select a dress in a timeless style you will wear again
- Let bridesmaids choose their own dress: avoids single-use fashion

## RINGS

- Choose ethical, conflict-free, or lab-grown diamond wedding rings  
**HIGH**
- Consider recycled gold or fairtrade certified metal for wedding bands

## FLORALS

- Use seasonal and locally-grown flowers from a local farm  
**HIGH**
- Choose organic, pesticide-free flowers when possible

- Donate all florals to a hospital, hospice, or church after the wedding
- Use potted plants as centerpieces: guests take them home
- Avoid foam floral oasis (not biodegradable): use chicken wire or pin frogs

## CATERING

- Plan a plant-based or vegetarian menu to reduce food's carbon footprint  
**HIGH**
- Source food locally and seasonally from nearby farms  
**HIGH**
- Arrange to donate all leftover food to a local shelter or food bank  
**HIGH**
- Compost food waste: ask venue or arrange separate compost bins
- Use real crockery, glassware, and linens: avoid disposables  
**HIGH**
- Avoid single-use plastic straws, cups, or cutlery  
**HIGH**

## DECOR

- Use natural beeswax or soy candles instead of paraffin
- Use bamboo, reclaimed wood, or recycled materials for decor
- Rent decor items instead of buying new to reduce waste  
**HIGH**
- Avoid balloon releases, confetti, or single-use paper lanterns  
**HIGH**

## FAVORS

- Give seed packet or potted herb as wedding favor
- Donate to an environmental charity in guests' honor as the favor

## TRANSPORTATION

- Arrange group transportation (shuttle, minibus) to reduce individual car trips
- Offset carbon emissions from travel through a certified program
- Stream ceremony online so distant guests skip travel entirely

## AFTER WEDDING

- Send digital thank-you notes after the wedding
- Donate or sell wedding items after the event: dress, decor, flowers