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Tips for Planning a Green Wedding

- **Invitations**
 - Print on 100% post consumer recycled paper that is non-chlorine bleached
 - Encourage guests to recycle their invitations
 - Use paper with embedded seeds so that guests can plant the invitations and enjoy the flowers that grow from them
 - Use a reply postcard (no envelope) and forgo the inner envelopes
 - Use corks from wine bottles as escort card holders
 - Instead of escort cards, stamp guests' names on stones

- **Transportation and Venue**
 - Transport guests with hybrids or vehicles that use bio-diesel fuel
 - Choose a destination that requires minimal travel
 - Encourage guests to use mass transit
 - Provide information, passes, and maps in guest packages
 - Choose a venue that require few added décor items such as a botanical garden, a farm or a seaside resort
 - Hold the ceremony and reception in one place to minimize driving

- **Décor**
 - Use local, seasonal and/or organic flowers that minimize damage to ecosystems, conserve biodiversity and eliminate cross country shipping
 - Choose centerpieces and decorations such as living and/or flowering plants that can be reused

- **Food and Beverage**
 - Work with caterers who can provide
 - Organic and locally grown food
 - Organic wine and liquor and locally brewed beer
 - Vegetarian and vegan meal options
 - Provide filtered water served in a glass vs. bottled water
 - Ask your caterer to compost unusable leftover food portions, ship to a local farm or donate to a local shelter

- **Wardrobe Choices**
 - Consider vintage dresses for the bride and bridesmaids
 - Purchase vintage rings or ones made of 100% reclaimed, recycled, ecologically responsible gold

- **Gifts**
 - Provide guests with handmade gifts such as pottery, plants, etc.
 - In lieu of gifts from your guests, ask for donations to environmental groups

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