

Goodwerk's Dish and Eco-wares Library

We have the perfect way for you to put on a special event! This is a system meant to encourage sustainability and to support non-profit organizations and events, from whom we request a minimum of a \$100 program maintenance fee; other groups putting on private events may still utilize the services but we may determine a different fee based on how much is needed.

The Eco-Wares Library is in a storage space in south Sebastopol. We can arrange a time for someone to meet you for pick up and drop off or, for a fee, we deliver, manage, wash, sterilize and return to the dish library.

If you choose to manage yourselves, the dishes need to be run through an industrial dishwasher that sterilizes them. The Oddfellows in Santa Rosa is one location that makes its dishwasher available to the public, by appointment, for a fee.

What we have and how it works~

- Be aware, the wares do NOT match, but they are lovely ceramic and make for very fun, eclectic table settings!
- Be sure you and anyone who will be taking responsibility for these items understands the requirements described here; share this news with your team.
- Please return everything clean and in the same sorted and packaged manner that the items were lent to your group.
- Clean dishes and utensils must be run through a dishwasher or if washed by hand, a sterilizer or bleach solution must be used in the final rinse.
- Milk crates must be lined with *clean* bags for dishes of all types. You will be given bags with your loan of items.
(You can use the GM crates to gather dirty dishes in the original bags if you like but please do not return the crates dirty, nor any dirty plastic trash bags, obviously.)
- Linens/napkins are to be returned clean and folded in a clean box or bag or we will wash for a fee.
- We can also do it all, from delivery to removal and washing of supplies for an additional fee but this must be pre-arranged and is not always an option.

Wares available:

Utensils – approximately 700 each knives, forks, 350 spoons

Large serving spoons - 30

Plastic water/juice cups – about 200 small and large

Wine glasses – 250-plus

Glass stemless wine glasses – 100 plus

Plastic stemless wine “glasses” - 100 plus

Large plates – 350

Small plates – 300

Bowls - 200

Coffee mugs – about 250

Pint glasses - about 24

Mason Jars – 48

Water pitchers - 13

Table cloths - 10 matching deep purple ones, approx. 10' long, rectangular and oblong
another 12 unmatching colors and varied size and shape. 10 beige 10' long

Cloth napkins – unmatching 120 napkins

Baskets - large and small for display purposes, to put utensils or napkins in, etc

Ceramic water crocks - to use with five gallon jugs for dispensing water

2 gallon thermos for keeping water or coffee hot

We may have other items that you might like for your event, just ask us.

This is a community service. Dishes and linens must be returned clean and the dishware has to be run through a dishwasher for sterilization.

Toward being green, of course you are recycling and composting whatever you are able, right?!? You can borrow a set of and color-coded boxes for trash, compost and recycling and we can help you with signage and messaging to help you inform and educate your attendees. Friendly tip, regarding this matter, most event waste is compost and recycling and with thoughtful planning on your part, you can put on an event with 90% of the waste, or greater, staying OUT of the landfill.

Green Mary's advice on single-use disposables: A) avoid them. B) no waxy coating on plates. Paper coffee cups and all "compostable plastics" are GARBAGE in Sonoma County. For plates, Chinette brand is fine and we can recommend distributors and products.

Looking forward to helping you put on the greenest event possible!

Evergreenly yours,

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