

## HOSTING PLASTIC-FREE PARTIES & EVENTS!

Around various special events or holidays throughout the year, there are multiple family and social gatherings to host and attend.



How about a challenge to make those parties as plastic-free as possible?

This activity doesn't include step-by-step instructions, but suggests some key elements to consider and plan.

Get creative and add more ideas as you plan!

The best is always to lead by example by hosting your own party where you set the ground rules.



However, there may also be ways to suggest ideas to other hosts or for events that you are co-hosting or co-organizing and spread the word about zero-plastic party.

### FOOD



- Purchase foods with no or least plastic packaging
- Take reusable bags when you go grocery shopping
- Portion your food appropriately so that food waste is minimized
- Share food or freeze leftovers so that food is not wasted

### UTENSILS



- Use china/glassware
- Make the party BYOU (Bring Your Own Utensils) party
- If disposal options are needed, go with bamboo or paper-based cutlery and utensils

### DECORATIONS



- Use recycled materials or old materials to create decorations: paper, cloth, rags, towels, etc.
- Reuse decorations instead of throwing away after one-time use

Shout out to our Eco Ambassador Nidhi Thakur for hosting a zero-waste party for Diwali! See how she organized her party at [www.edfordsd.org](http://www.edfordsd.org).

If you host your own Plastic-Free party, please take some footage of your event and post on [www.edfordsd.org](http://www.edfordsd.org) !