

# Make the planet a priority by having an eco-wedding

Planning a wedding will make you and spouse-to-be very aware of seemingly minor details. For example, it may become vitally important to match an exact shade of cream or to find a cathedral length veil. While you're making your decisions, consider how even the small details have an impact on the environment too. Here are some suggestions to avoid excessive waste and put the planet on your priority list.

## Invitations

Choose invitations made from 100 per cent recycled paper or make your own. You can also have guests RSVP by email or phone instead of by mail.

## Centrepieces

Put on your creative hat and use natural materials like pinecones, decorative stones, seashells, willow branches, fruit, or flowers to arrange a display.

## Bonbonnières

Impractical wedding trinkets either wind up in the trash or untouched on a dusty shelf. Instead, make a charitable donation as a wonderful way to help others while honouring your guests. Purchase eco-friendly gifts like fruit trees, a rainwater-harvesting tank, a hand-dug well, or a fuel-efficient cooking stove from charities like Christian Children's Fund of Canada ([www.ccf-](http://www.ccf-)



[canada.ca/Gifts](http://canada.ca/Gifts)).

## Reception

No matter how great the food is, there will always be leftovers when you have a wedding feast. Instead of throwing them away, arrange in advance to have the food delivered to a soup kitchen or shelter.

Becoming more aware of the environment during your wedding planning will help you and your spouse-to-be make the important decisions to create a better and cleaner world. Enjoy your special day and look forward to the future.

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