

# *Eco-friendly weddings*

## **Tips for eco-friendly weddings**

- use local suppliers where possible
- use ethical suppliers where possible - fair trade and environmentally responsible
- try a vegetarian feast - your local Buddhist organisation may be able to point you in the right direction for luscious vegetarian food or ask your reception venue if they are willing to use organic and vegetarian food
- or try using food in season and organic meat if you can't live without meat
- use recycled or other eco-friendly paper for invitations, place names and thank you cards
- you may like to hire a bus to transport your guests to and from the reception venue (this way they can relax and enjoy the reception without drinking and driving)
- instead of wedding presents, you may like your guests to make a donation to your favourite cause or ask them to contribute to a green gift for you - a water tank or front loading washing machine, for example, or a piece of artwork
- donate flower decorations at the venue to a retirement home after the wedding and use local and seasonal flowers
- find out if your photographer can digitally photograph your wedding
- use wedding attire that you can all wear again or enquire about gowns made from natural organic or recycled materials
- consider purchasing carbon credits to offset your wedding and/or honeymoon impacts

## For other inspiration see:

- (1) The Eco-Wedding Saving the Earth, one vow at a time - Susan Fornoff, San Francisco Chronicle  
<http://www.sfgate.com/green/article/ENVIRONMENTAL-MATTERS-The-Eco-Wedding-Saving-2543314.php>
- (2) Meatless menus for vegetarian weddings - www.confetti.co.uk  
<http://www.confetti.co.uk/food-drink-catering/catering/meatless-menus-for-vegetarian-weddings/>
- (3) Having an Eco-Friendly Wedding by Tracy Guth  
<http://www.southshoreweddings.com/articles/005.shtml>
- (4) Chic Eco - includes articles and information on green weddings  
<http://www.chiceco.com/index.php?b=Press>
- (5) Green Elegance Weddings - information on wedding gowns, invitations and more for environmentally friendly weddings  
<http://www.greeneleganceweddings.com>
- (6) The Green Directory - Online directory of green businesses and products in Australia  
<http://greend.com.au/>
- (7) Carbon Planet  
<http://www.carbonplanet.com>
- (8) Climate Friendly  
<http://www.climatefriendly.com.au>
- (9) Natural Weddings  
<http://www.naturalweddings.com.au>
- (10) 31 Chic and Unique Green Wedding Gifts  
<http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/gift-ideas/green-wedding-gifts#slide-1>
- (11) Resources for Eco Friendly Weddings  
<http://www.ecofriendlyweddings.com.au/Resources.aspx>