

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle

your waste!

Help Us Reduce Waste in the Park!

Rentals will now have less of an impact on the park as they help the environment, prevent pollution and conserve our natural resources.

Beginning in 2022 all rentals have been required to participate in the waste reduction program. As part of this program, we will be including compostable paper products and waste service for all rentals. This program is provided free of charge by Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks.

Why are you doing this?

Most of our trash goes to landfills. Our landfills are quickly running out of space and can leak toxins into our soil and contaminate our water. By making the choice to invest in reusable items or by recycling and composting we can save money, time and resources by turning items we no longer need into new products.

How does it work?

When you agree to a rental in the park, you also agree to participate in this program.

Only compostable paper products are permitted, such as plates napkins and utensils and are included in your rental fee. An adequate supply of these items will be provided to the renter based on the attendance they indicate on their contract.

On the day of your rental a staff member assigned to your event will set up a waste station prior to your event. Each waste station will contain three bins (trash, recycle and compost) and signage to help attendees determine which items go in each bin. Staff will be available to help with questions and will check in periodically with you during your event. Staff will also remove the bins at the end of the event.

What do I have to do?

The main thing you will have to do is to ensure that your attendees know about the program and discard items in the appropriate bins.

What if I still have trash?

That's okay. We know that events may still produce some trash but our goal is to reduce the amount of trash that is being generated. By using reusable, recyclable or compostable products and composting food waste we believe we can make a difference in reducing the amount of waste going to the landfill from the park.

How else can I help?

- Use reusable items whenever possible (serveware, tablecloths, etc.)
- Use recyclable items (drink containers)
- Use certified compostable items (if not provided)

Questions?

Call Oregon Ridge Nature Center at 410-887-1815 during regular business hours, Tuesday thru Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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