

Why Should Your Church Care about Buying Sustainable Products?

1) Because God Calls Us to! *“Then God said, Let us make humanity in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping upon the earth.” - Genesis 1:26*

2) Because the People in the Congregation Care.

79% of Americans Recycle

80% of Americans think that Working to Restore the Environment is Important

47% of Millennials Shop Specifically for Sustainable Items

91% of High School Youth Believe that Environmental Sustainability is Important

3) Because Modeling Good Stewardship Leads to Better Stewardship in the Congregation.

How Can Your Church Be More Sustainable?

1) Start a Recycling Ministry – You can reduce your church’s waste dramatically by recycling. This keeps newspaper, aluminum, glass, cardboard, and office paper out of the dump.

2) Purchase Items that are Reusable or Recyclable whenever Possible – Using glass plates, cups & real silverware is a little more difficult but will save waste and money.

3) Purchase Compostable Items – Sometimes it isn’t practical to use real dishes. Who wants to wash 100 people worth of dirty plates? By using compostable paper products instead of Styrofoam or plastic we cut down on waste and show a commitment to sustainability.

Bulk Ordering of Compostable Products

There are two roadblocks to purchasing compostable products: the cost & composting the products themselves. Compostable products aren’t helpful if they still end up in the landfill.

With this in mind the **Commission on Nurture and Outreach** has developed an initiative that will bring down the price of compostable prices by ordering in bulk from **Going Green Services (www.goinggreenservices.com)** and will help encourage congregations to begin composting as a church mission.

How it Works

- ❖ The Presbytery will be collecting orders from individual congregations four times per year. **Each order deadline will be three weeks before the next presbytery meeting.**
- ❖ Fill out the order form below and turn it in to the Presbytery office along with a check made out to the **Presbytery of Scioto Valley.**
- ❖ The Presbytery will then make one large order and divide that order into each congregation’s individual order.
- ❖ **Orders MUST picked up at the Presbytery meeting.** Be sure your representative brings a big enough car.

Paper Products—Price Comparisons

Going Green (All Items Are Compostable)

Item	# in Package	Price	Unit Price
12 oz. cold cups	1000	\$74.41	0.074
12 oz. hot cups	1000	\$73.03	0.073
Dinner napkins-15 x 15”	3000	\$46.50	0.016
10” round plates	500	\$46.28	0.091

Regular Products at GFS

Item	# in Package	Price	Unit Price
12 oz. plastic cold cups	70	\$3.79	0.054
12 oz. hot cups	50	\$4.99	0.099
Dinner napkins-15x17”	100	\$1.99	0.019
10” Styrofoam plates	135	\$12.95	0.095

Compostable Product Order Form

Church Name: _____

Contact name/phone#: _____

Email: _____

Item	Per	Price	# Needed	Total \$
12 oz. cold cups	100	\$7.45		
12 oz. hot cups	100	\$7.35		
Dinner napkins-15 x 17”	250	\$4.00		
12 oz bowls	100	\$4.30		
16 oz. bowls	100	\$6.60		
10” round plates	100	\$9.30		
7” round plates	100	\$4.32		

An Easy Way to Begin Composting at Your Church

Step 1: Recycle or buy a plastic bin with a tight fitting lid about 24 inches tall or taller (it needs a lid to keep the soil moist and to keep critters out).

Step 2: Use a drill to make 8 – 10 small holes in the bottom of the container for aeration purposes.

Step 3: Place some shredded newspaper or compostable paper products or dry leaves on the bottom of your compost bin, filling it about 1/8 – 1/4 full.

Step 4: Place dirt on top of the leaves or newspaper until the container is 1/2 full.

Step 5: Now place any food scraps or paper products that you'd like to compost.

Step 6: Give your compost a little stir with a shovel or stick, making sure to cover your food scraps with dirt.

Step 7: Spray with lukewarm water until moist, but not soaking wet. (Note: too much water can make your compost smell).

Step 8: Use a drill to make 8 – 10 small holes in the lid and place it securely on top of the bin.

Step 9: Place the bin in a shady area away from the building. Be sure that it's not in full sun or your compost will dry out.

Step 10: Now that your compost bin is set up, just add compostables as you have them following the 3 parts brown, 1 part green formula.

Step 11: Stir at least once per week in the summer and once per month in the winter.

Tips: Compost will begin being ready in 2 to 3 months. But we have to remember to save at least 1/3 of it in the bin in order keep the composting process going.

Have two garbage cans (1 for green & 1 for brown compostables) with lids in the kitchen and in your fellowship area. Label each can with a list of what items are and aren't acceptable for composting.

Make sure to have someone in charge of dumping each can into the compost area weekly.

Make sure everyone knows it is available and why!



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