

HIGHLIGHTS

Whether a casual staff gathering or our annual Commencement, Emory is committed to hosting events responsibly to align with our ambitious goals of reducing waste, conserving water and sourcing food sustainably.

All University events will be Zero Landfill Waste by 2025.

All University functions will be plastic bottle free by 2025.

BENEFITS

Campus events are one of the most visible ways we can demonstrate our commitment to sustainability to the broader community. Participating in the Sustainable Events Certification program provides access to guidance on sustainable event planning, recognition for your efforts, and an opportunity to win a \$100 Emory Catering gift card each year! Congratulations to the 2023 Sustainable Events raffle winners!

- **Ella Pollard**, Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
- **Tammy Camfield**, Oxford College Advancement and Alumni Engagement

HOW IT WORKS

- **Emory's Sustainable Events Certification** helps event planners and organizers create events that support Emory's sustainability vision by reducing environmental and social impacts.
- **Emory Catering**, the choice vendor for event and meeting catering on campus, complies with Sustainable Event Zero Landfill Waste certification requirements by supplying and utilizing catering materials that can all be composted or recycled in Emory's waste streams.
- **America to Go** is a collection of Emory's preferred caterers. These caterers that comply with Emory's zero landfill waste requirements are labeled with an icon so that event planners can make informed choices. Using America to Go caterers also ensures that Emory's health code and fair wage requirements are met.

LEARN MORE

Certify your next event! To get started:

1. Fill out the **Sustainable Events Online Form** through OSI Online Forms to certify your event as either Zero Landfill Waste level or GOLD level.
2. Need help? The checklist has pop-out guidance that provides more information on how and why to execute sustainable event actions.
3. Implement the actions and enjoy your event!
4. In 2024, OSI created an alumni version of our **Sustainable Events Program** so that you can carry your sustainable practices throughout the world once you leave campus. Please reach out to emorysustainability@emory.edu if you have any questions.

5. For expert tips on planning sustainable events with plant-based catering, [view OSI's slides from the 2020 Sustainable Events Symposium](#).

6. Checkout [this video](#) made by OSI interns to promote the sustainable events program.