

# Green Guide to enjoying a Festival, Fair or other outdoor event:



**Outdoor events are great fun to attend and many attract thousands of people of all ages.**

**Events and Festivals have an impact on the environment; considerable amounts of water and energy can be consumed as well as litter and waste generated. Additionally how people get to and from the event has an environmental impact.**

**The organisers of this event have taken steps to reduce these environmental impacts, so now please do your bit to help by following these simple steps:**

## **TRAVEL:**

- If you can: car share, use public transport, cycle or walk. You will enjoy the fresh air and avoid traffic jams.
- If you must drive turn off your engine when stuck in a traffic jam.
- Avoid noise pollution by not honking your horn!



## **WATER:**

- Drink tap water and refill empty bottles at taps.
- Don't leave taps running in toilets or kitchens.
- If you spot a leak, tell the owner of the facility.



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## WASTE:

- Never Litter – if you can't find a bin keep your waste with you till you do or ask a steward or volunteer where the closest bin is.
- Do your best to segregate waste from recyclables and where there is a bin provided for food waste use it.
- Try to avoid disposable items such as single use cameras, razors etc.
- When purchasing batteries ask the retailer where you can deposit used batteries for recycling.



## ENERGY:

- If you are staying locally in accommodation use energy wisely – switch off the appliances and lights when leaving for the day.



## SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING:

- Try to “Buy Local” at this event and you will be supporting the local economy and sustaining local jobs.
- By consuming local food or drink the number of “food miles” is reduced significantly.
- When purchasing food and drink only buy what you need as it may spoil quickly especially on a fine day.
- Where possible choose Fair Trade and other eco labels.
- Even on a day out - don't forget your reusable shopping bag!



So have fun,  
enjoy the event  
and respect the  
environment.

Further info on  
resource efficiency is  
available at  
[www.managewaste.ie](http://www.managewaste.ie)

