ECO-FRIENDLY BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

PARTY TIPS

✓ Let your child choose the party theme (ex. insects, reptiles and amphibians, birds or dinosaurs).

✓ Use recycled paper or email your invitations.

✓ Make your own party favors from recycled goodies around your house or give each child that attends the party something more useful, maybe a small plant or packet of seeds.

✓ Ask that all gifts be wrapped in newspaper, homemade wrapping paper or reusable gift bags.

✓ Encourage friends to carpool to the party location.

✓ Provide cupcakes instead of cake to eliminate plates and utensils.

✓ Try supporting local farmers and using local ingredients to make an interesting carrot cake or a homemade apple pie in lieu of a traditional sugary birthday cake.

✓ Serve as much organic, local and in-season food as you can. It is better for the environment and for your guests.

✓ Instead of paper plates and accessories, use biodegradable or washable ones and linen table clothes instead of plastic. Visit www.greenhome.com for a compostable party pack.

✓ To eliminate decorations altogether, host your party in a natural area such as a park or a beach.

✓ Check online for more eco-friendly birthday ideas!