Waste

W.14  At our events and meetings:
   a. We use reusable cups, dishware, and utensils.
   b. We have a composting service and use compostable cups, dishware, and utensils.

Intent   Reducing consumption of disposable dinnerware cuts down on the resources and energy used to produce and distribute the dishware, then to dispose of it after use. Plastic silverware is made from petroleum and when they decompose they release toxins. The average disposable paper cup is lined with a petroleum based substance in order to keep its liquid from seeping into the paper fibre.

Point Value   a. 3 points for reusables
   b. 3 points for compostables

Instructions   To switch to reusables or compostables:
1. Purchase reusable cups, dishware, and utensils for office use.
2. Alternatively, purchase compostable cups, dishware, and utensils for office use.
3. When using a caterer, then ask one of the local, sustainable caterers listed below to supply their own reusable products for your event or meeting, or to provide a fully compostable alternative.
4. Inform the office of the new supplies and their locations.

Resources   Penn Purchasing Services:
http://www.purchasing.upenn.edu/green-initiative/

Local Caterers  with sustainable options or practices:
http://www.upenn.edu/sustainability/eventsguide.html#catering

For more tips on greening your event, see our Green Event Guide:
http://www.upenn.edu/sustainability/eventsguide.html

Composting Services:
http://www.upenn.edu/sustainability/eventsguide.html#waste