

Zero Waste Potluck

(flyer to post or share [available here](#))

When & Where:

Sunday, October 19, 5-7PM, Hopewell Train Station, 2 Railroad Place (inside if the weather requires)

RSVP:

Not required, but REALLY appreciated! <https://forms.gle/mNCJet2JiqJR5UUq9>

We want to make sure everyone gets a seat! **Plus all RSVPs will be entered in a PRIZE DRAWING from Seeds to Sew.** Seeds to Sew volunteers have made great reusable potluck bags for your dishes! Each potluck (June 1 & October 19) will have FIVE lucky winners, thanks to a generous grant from Sustainable Jersey, funded by the PSEG Foundation.

Who is hosting:

Hopewell Borough is working towards becoming a more environmentally friendly community. This event is organized by Borough members from the [Hopewell Valley Green Team](#), in partnership with the [Hopewell Public Library](#).

Who is invited:

YOU! This event is open to everyone in and around Hopewell Valley... Including folks who just like hanging out here, or have friends here. Or people thinking about moving here. This is an all ages (**alcohol-free**) event. Children under age 15 should be accompanied by an adult.

What do I Bring?

1. **A dish to share**, in a non-disposable container. Please **label your dish** with the following information:
 - Does it contain gluten, nuts, soy or other common allergens?
 - Is it vegan or vegetarian?

You must bring any leftovers home with you!

2. **Place settings** for you and your group. We recommend the following for each member in your party: plate, fork, knife, spoon, napkin, cup. *Helpful hint: if you bring them in a machine washable bag, it is easier to put the dirty dishes back in your bag to carry home to wash them.*
3. **OPTIONAL:** Bring a costume (or 2 or 3 ;) and/or fun accessories that could be used to “build” a costume. There will be a costume swap corner for some last minute Halloween planning!
4. Reminder: **NO ALCOHOL.** This is in a public location, alcohol is not permitted without a special permit (which we do not have!)

What is provided?

We will provide a drinking water dispenser, tables, chairs and tablecloths, and a scraper + compost bin for food scraps.

Why?

To get to know your neighbors. To enjoy a delicious meal together. And model zero- waste practices too!

FAQs

(please email heidi.wilenius@hopewellboro-nj.us with other questions we should add here!)

I have a serious food allergy and/or don't feel comfortable eating food if I am not 100% sure of how/where it was prepared. Can I participate?

Please join us! We understand that you may not be able to eat the shared food, simply pack your own meal and dine with us!

I don't have time to cook, can I still participate?

The reason we specify “home cooked” is because this event is zero-waste, and it is tricky to get takeout without using disposable products. But you can get creative! For example, slice up a watermelon, or make your favorite sandwiches and slice them into small portions. Or pick up takeout in your own reusable container, such as going to a bakery and putting their baked goods directly into your own basket, rather than using one of their disposable options.

I don't have picnic plates/utensils, can I bring disposable ones instead?

You don't need special “picnic ware” - just bring the regular dishes and utensils you use at home. If you forget, we will have a few extra on hand. **Please honor the spirit of the event and DO NOT bring disposable items (not even “compostable” ones.)**

Will there be entertainment or activities?

There will be no scheduled activities or entertainment, aside from the optional costume swap. This is simply enjoying a meal together, and sharing ideas about zero-waste and “greener” living.. But you are welcome to bring cards, a board game, a yard game (weather permitting!), or anything you'd like to share. We did not want to make this an event with any significant work to “organize” or “run.” **It is simply a very casual way to connect with neighbors and share tips and tricks about a more sustainable lifestyle.**