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Be a greener festival-goer!

Here are our top tips to help you cut your festival carbon footprint ...

Tip 1: Go to environmentally-friendly festivals

Start off in the right way by choosing to attend a green festival, whose organisers will make cleaner decisions on your behalf, including powering their grounds with green energy, providing recycling bins, and committing to environmental policies.

Tip 2: Stay local

Instead of travelling long distances to go a festival, choose one that is closer to home. Bands often do the festival circuit around the country, so you'll still get to see your favourite performers. You'll also have the opportunity to see up-and-coming bands in your area and add some new favourites.

Tip 3: Re-think your 'stuff'

It's easy to pack your rucksack full of mini-bottles of shampoo, shower gel and hair products, but too many of these still come in unnecessary plastic packaging. Fortunately, there are alternatives: you can take – or make – shampoo bars, bamboo toothbrushes, and natural deodorants; and some companies have refill stations, where you can take along a reusable container and fill up with your favourite toiletries before the festival.

Tip 4: Buy once, buy well

Many festival-goers actually leave their tents behind after the event, not realising the majority end up in landfill. So, instead of purchasing a single-use festival tent, invest in something high-quality and reusable. It'll be more comfortable, too. And go plastic-free by taking along reusable water bottles and coffee cups.

Tip 5: Be an electricity saver

Festivals usually have charging points for mobile phones but these come at a cost. Why not take your own pocket charger? All you have to do is wind it up and it'll provide charge for your phone. And why not decorate your tent with solar-powered fairy lights to make it stand out from the crowd – and help you find your way home at night!

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1 What are many green festivals committing to?

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2 To fill up your reusable containers, where should you take them to?

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3 What can you do if you use reusable water bottles and coffee cups?

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4 What do you need to do to use a pocket charger?

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