

Thinking Green on Your Wedding Day



Charleston Flower Market

Floral Arrangements

When you decide on floral arrangements, consider local Charleston florists- especially ones who specifically use seasonally grown flowers from area farmers! Not only will you have native to South Carolina flowers in your hand or on your tables, you will be sourcing from small farms. Consider potted plants such as succulents or orchids as centerpieces as these can be re-used or re-planted after the event. If re-homing the flowers aren't idea;, instead of tossing your flowers away- consider looking into donating them to an organization that donates them to hospitals, shelters or senior centers.

Decor

You're in luck when you have your ceremony or reception with us at the Francis Marion Hotel- you could forego many decorations because our ballrooms offer beauty all on their own!

However, when you consider decor for your event, consider things you could possible re-use in your home after. Donate items to Goodwill or other local area donation centers instead of tossing!

Our Gold Ballroom



Our Colonial Ballroom

Sustainable Food Choices

The greener choice when deciding on menus & food options is to forego the buffet and opt for the plated dinner option. Opting for the plated option, you end up with portioned out per person dishes rather than larger quantities of food that often times cannot be eaten, and wind up not taken home as leftovers. In today's current climate, most buffets are no longer self-serve and rather are server attended or altogether nixed- so opting for plated may be necessary!

However, choosing plated doesn't have to just stop there- our Chef at the Francis Marion locally sources much of the produce and meats that are used on your completely customize-able menu! Locally sourced is extremely eco-friendly- and don't forget that we compost- all of which greatly reduces the carbon footprint.

Linens, Chairs, & China... oh my!

Paper & plastic dinnerware, cups & silverware may be recyclable at times but being able to rent china & linens is far more eco-friendly and sustainable! When you have your wedding ceremony or reception (or both!) with us at the Francis Marion Hotel- linens, china, stemware, silverware, chairs and much more can be included.

[Learn More about everything we include here.](#)



Wedding Favors

Everyone loves a little snack! When thinking of wedding favors for your guests- think along the lines of food. A lot of out of town guests will appreciate not tacking on one more thing to travel back with plus having a wedding in Charleston-the city of food- your options are huge! Benne Wafers, mini bottles from local distillers, individual loose leaf teas- the list goes on. Choosing from somewhere local, means local farmers sourcing local ingredients and thus reducing your carbon footprint-plus supporting the local Charleston community!