

2007 Summerfest

Leave Less Trace Program

The *Leave Less Trace* program is an initiative we started in 2001 to conserve natural resources and reduce waste. It works by reusing and recycling things we previously threw away. It also reminds us we are the caretakers of our Parks. We always leave our rental facilities in better conditions than we find them. Something that does not go unnoticed by the people we rent from!

Washable Dishes and Utensils

Please provide your own washable dishes and utensils for camp as an alternative to the paper and plastic stuff. Plastic or metal ones are best as they don't break if they hit the ground. A mesh lingerie bag is a great way to store them, and it's easier to hang them to dry in. These can be found at Dollar Stores.

Dishwashing Station

At one side of the cabin, you'll notice a table holding three basins of water and a huge hot water pot. That's the dish washing station, where you can wash your plates and utensils after meals. Thoroughly scrape and wipe excess food from your dishes and pots before starting to wash. The basins will be marked to indicate the proper washing order:

1. Rinse water
2. Hot soapy water
3. Sanitizer

Put your plates and utensils in the mesh bags after dipping them in the sanitizer. Air drying is necessary to allow the sanitizer time to work properly. After it dries, the sanitizer's residue is non-toxic, environmentally neutral, and does not adhere to the plates and utensils. Be careful not to splash sanitizer on your clothes; it may cause colors to run. Take your dishes back to your own campsites to hang up. Remember to pack everything to do with food – pots and dishes each night.

Campers who wish to use the dish washing station need to refill the waterpot, empty the basins into the vault toilets after they are done and clean them ready for the next person to use. One set of wash waters set up will do several campers before they need to be emptied and cleaned.

Recycling Containers

Campers can also help in our *Leave Less Trace* initiative by placing cans (aluminum or steel/tin) and bottles (glass or plastic) paper and cardboard, vegetative compost in our recycling containers. These containers will go to the appropriate facilities after our event. Monies collected will go to the ongoing bottle drive donation.

When you see a non-nature in nature...

When you see a bit of a candy wrapper or a bag clip or anything that doesn't belong in nature stoop to pick it up and throw it out. Yes even if it wasn't yours!

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