

## Give Thanks for Sea Turtles

As Thanksgiving approaches, what better way to celebrate the holiday than by throwing a sea turtle themed Thanksgiving house party. You can gather around the table with all of your closest friends and family and give thanks for endangered sea turtles. Sadly, only an estimated one in 1,000 to 10,000 sea turtle hatchlings will survive to adulthood. Today, all sea turtles found in U.S. waters are federally listed as endangered, except for the loggerhead which is listed as threatened.

Our House Party program encourages people to weave the theme of sea turtle and marine conservation into all their parties, including Thanksgiving.

A “Give Thanks for Sea Turtle” house party is a creative way to host an eco-friendly Thanksgiving party for your closest friends and family members. Below are some activities and tips to make your party eco-friendly:

- Printable Turtle Bingo.
- Make homemade beverages, such as apple cider and tea. Homemade Beverages can prevent you from creating lots of trash that will only be sent to landfills if they are not recycled.
- Use real cups, plates and utensils and find napkins made from recycled or sustainable materials. Tip: use products manufactured from corn resin or sugar-cane stalk. Items labeled "biodegradable" or "100 percent recycled content" are also sustainable
- Buy your produce local farmer's market.
- Serve guests with food that is in season: pumpkin, acorn squash, sweet potato, pears and apples.
- Make sure glass, paper and plastic products are recycled at the end of the party.
- Reuse all of your Thanksgiving decorations next year.

After the party is done and the last person is out the door, don't forget to use your organic cleaners to tidy up the house. Using organic products is a great way to reduce the amount of chemicals in your home and in the environment.

Planning and throwing environmentally-friendly parties helps you give back to the environment by educating guests about how simple it can be to live sustainably. Sea turtles are affected by garbage and debris in the ocean and need your help, no matter how far away from an ocean you are, to promote sustainability in order to give them a fighting chance.

Send us any pictures and videos to [newsletter@conserveturtles.org](mailto:newsletter@conserveturtles.org) so we can showcase them on our website. Happy planning!