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Lunch Vendor Guidelines

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OLSF has prepared these guidelines to assist a law firm in developing a list of preferred lunch vendors. The firm normally provides the following:

- Washable plates, silverware, glasses, cups, and serving ware
- Pitchers for water and/or juice
- Recycling containers for cans, bottles, and mixed paper.

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FOOD	o Oi	ically grown food. rganic methods protect soil health and prevent synthetic fertilizers and pesticides from tering streams and ground water.
	o Pr	y grown food when available. referring local food saves transportation fuel, supports local farmers, and avoids emicals that prolong shelf life.
	o Ra	getarian choices. aising animals for meat has severe environmental impacts, including water depletion, atter pollution, loss of forests and grasslands, and methane production.
Packaging		
_	Serve lunc	ald be reusable, recyclable, or biodegradable. The family style on a platter that can be returned. This practice avoids any disposables.
	o Pa fra	anch in brown paper bag with some recycled content and no print. Apper bags use fewer resources than rigid boxes. Brown paper avoids dioxins created om bleaching. No print avoids unnecessary dyes. Recycled content reduces the amount fyirgin fiber needed, and bags can be recycled in mixed paper when emptied.
	o Pa	al food items need to be wrapped, use paper rather than plastic. aper wrap and bags free of food can be recycled in mixed office paper. If they are not cycled, they are biodegradable.
		plastic utensils (utensils will be provided by office). isposable utensils use more resources than washable ones and also generate waste.
	o Se	is included, it should be unbleached and made of 100% post-consumer recycled content. The the rationale for brown paper bags above. "Post-consumer" means that the paper has then to a consumer and returned rather than being factory scrap.
	Include no	individual packets of condiments or chips.
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