"Go Green" at your next Monroe County Parks event/rental.

"Going Green" is a concept we've all heard so much about lately.

1) It reduces the amount of virgin material extracted from local and global ecosystems.

2) It slows the growth of our landfills which are filling up very quickly and are very costly!

3) It reduces the amount of air and water pollution.

There are so many ways you can help keep your Monroe County Parks clean and green:

- Employ the 3R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- Try out reusable, recycled and/or recyclable
    - *plates, bowls, cups, cutlery*
    - *tablecloths and napkins*
- Refill not Landfill- try reusable water bottles with a large cooler or thermos.
- Consider buying bulk food for your event and reduce the packaging.
- Choose eco-friendly caterers and food products for your event.
- Be trendy and use fabric, reusable bags when shopping for your supplies.
- Utilize recycled-content and/or biodegradable trash bags for trash and recycling.
- Avoid Styrofoam coolers, they're fragile and break easily.
- Try using the latest green cleaning supplies.
- Consider bringing a bucket to compost your plant-based waste.
- Use tupperware for leftovers- avoid using plastic wrap and aluminum foil.
- Try car-pooling, taking the bus, biking, or walking to the park.
- Respect wildlife and plants.
    - *Avoid littering.*
    - *Avoid idling cars or parking on the grass.*
    - *Avoid letting your dog off leash.*
    - *Please stay on designated hiking trails.*
    - *Please take your discarded fishing line home with you.*
- Keep wildlife wild- it's healthier for you and for our environment.
    - *Avoid feeding animals.*
    - *Avoid collecting animals to be pets.*
- Protect water quality- please clean up after your dog.

Thank you for being a steward of your Monroe County Parks by taking an active role in keeping them clean and green.