



Film Florida Sustainable Production Recommendations

Green Lodging:

- Ensure you are staying in a location that is registered under Florida's Green Lodging Program: <https://floridadep.gov/osi/green-lodging>.

Transportation:

- Become carbon neutral by offsetting carbon dioxide emissions from electricity and fuel used for the production of transportation, equipment, airplane flights, etc.
- Carpool and schedule shared transit wherever possible; all vehicles should institute a "no-idling" policy in the transportation department.
- Use electric or hybrid vehicles when possible.
- Ask suppliers of trucks, buses/trailers if they have clean energy options.

Recycling and Proper Waste Disposal:

- Reduce the use of paper and single use plastic products, opt for glass bottles when safe to and/or reusable plastic bottles on set.
- Set up clearly labeled recycling and composting bins in key areas on set.
- Use digital versions of production documents rather than hard paper copies. Only print upon request.
- Purchase 100% recycled paper. Print double-sided and adjust margins to reduce paper use.
- Provide large recycling bins for paper.
- Collect batteries and electronic waste separately for proper disposal.
- After filming wraps, dispose of all trash in an appropriate manner; remember to recycle all appropriate materials. Refer to the Community Recycling Program resource from the Florida Division of Waste Management: <https://floridadep.gov/waste/waste/content/community-recycling-program>
- Refer to best practices for disposing of specific waste types, such as grease, used oil, and tires. <https://floridadep.gov/waste>
- Make an effort to reuse, sell, or donate all leftover materials including sets, props, and costumes.



Purchasing Sustainably:

- Buy products from companies in Florida that provide technical assistance, products, and/or services that conserve energy, reduce water consumption, preserve air quality, and reduce the generation of solid waste in hotels and motels across the state.
- Utilize a Dry Cleaner that uses GreenEarths, a non-toxic solvent that is safer for humans, for the environment, and for your garments. Locate a GreenEarth Dry Cleaner near you: <https://greenearthcleaning.com/approved-vendors/>
- Use locally produced products and materials to reduce the pollution and energy use associated with transporting the items.
- Purchase used garments/furniture; re-use set materials from previous productions.
- Replace standard watt bulbs with energy-efficient, long-lasting, compact fluorescent light bulbs. Turn off lights when not needed.
- Purchase clothing made of organic cotton and/or recycled materials.

Energy Efficiency:

- Utilize clean energy when powering generators and refrigeration systems.
- Use LED lighting to reduce generator use; fixtures can run off battery packs or plug directly into walls.
- Ensure editing suites and sets are operating with energy efficiency in mind.
- Turn off all possible lights and equipment when leaving for the day.
- Use rechargeable batteries in equipment when possible.
- Install electrical submetering to track electricity consumption.

Craft Services & Catering:

- Buy organic food, shade-grown/organic, and fair-trade coffee & teas. Florida Certified Organic Growers & Consumers: <http://www.foginfo.org/>
- Avoid the use of disposable dishes.
- Do not use styrofoam or allow styrofoam from outside vendors to be used. Opt for aluminum instead.
- Utilize water filters rather than disseminating single-use plastic bottles.



Set Design & Construction:

- Reuse and Recycle sets and donate unwanted lumber, fencing, and other supplies to local organizations in need (e.g. schools, animal care centers).
- Request wood products that are eco-certified. Utilize products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), which represent the best assurance of biodiversity protection (www.fscus.org) - look for the FSC "checkmark and tree" logo.
- Purchase low-emission (low VOC) and less toxic alternatives of chemicals, paints, flooring, etc.
- Use thermal storage units that make and use ice to cool soundstages, etc.
- Use sawdust to make sweeping compounds, clean painting equipment like brushes and buckets, clean moisture spills, mix into plaster instead of sand, or sell as composting material to make natural fertilizer.
- Use canvas drop cloths instead of paper products to protect floors while painting. Clean and reuse paint brushes instead of throwing them away.
- Properly recycle construction debris.

Special thanks to The Sustainable Production Alliance for supporting Film Florida in this effort. See additional resources from the Green Production Guide:

[Green Production Guide](#): Full toolkit, including carbon calculator and sustainable practices checklist with tutorials for each.

[Resource Library](#): Including sample memos that can be sent around to departments, signage, etc.

[Infographics](#): Visuals for sustainability best practices in different facilities: [Production Office](#), [On Location](#), [Stage & Construction](#), [Facilities](#).

For more info, read the [Scope 3 Emissions in Film and Television Production](#) from Sustainable Production Alliance