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Celebrating Green

Our region is flush with wedding and reception venues that go the extra mile to reduce their impact on the environment.



Above left and below right: Andrea and David Roer wed at Hyatt at Olive 8 on May 25, 2009. Above right: Photo opps, like these vineyards, are endless at Cave B Inn and Winery.

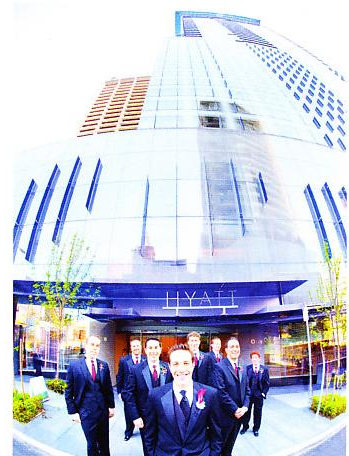
You drive a hybrid car, eat locally and compost like a pro. Now it's time to choose a wedding venue that will reflect your superstar eco-consciousness. *Seattle Bride* green girls know that the construction and operation of buildings can consume as much as 40 percent of the energy used in the U.S. Fortunately, the Seattle area is home to a number of green-built venues that aim for a low impact on the earth while still making a great impression on you and your guests. From energy-efficient lighting to vegan spa products to on-site lodging, these local spots were built on environmental principals and continue to make them a priority in their daily operations. Greening up your wedding, stylishly and seamlessly, is as easy as saying "I do."

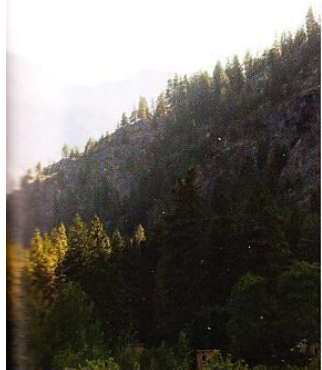
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HYATT AT OLIVE 8, IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE

If you're sharing your special day with 600 of your closest friends, it's nice to know that you're doing it in a place that's as kind to the environment as possible, and is the first hotel in Seattle with the LEED certification to prove it. The clean and modern spaces here, accented with limestone and bamboo, can host celebrations both intimate and grandiose, in either the elegant Ballroom (up to 600 people), with its light-filled foyer, or in several smaller meeting spaces with floor-to-ceiling windows. Before the big event, you'll be treated like a green queen, with lots of pampering in the hotel's Elaia Spa (vegan pedicure, anyone?), private yoga classes, locavore snacks from Urbane downstairs and house calls from the stylists at Seven salon.

What makes it green: Low-flow plumbing and dual-flush toilets; energy efficient; living green rooftop insulates and provides a bird habitat; plug-ins for electric cars in the garage. *Know before you book:* A downtown location means parking rates are at a premium.





Left: The Tea House at Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort sits before the venue's namesake mountain. Below: Loredana Piarulli and Daniel St. Clair wed at Willows Lodge in Woodinville.



WILLOWS LODGE, IN WOODINVILLE

Does the word “green” conjure images in your mind of organic arugula, fresh basil pesto and pistachio ice cream from Washington dairy cows? Fresh and local was the mantra of Willows Lodge’s Barking Frog restaurant well before most people were conscious of the carbon footprint of a mango, and the Northwest cuisine here is a draw for foodie couples. Of course, the scenery is nothing to scoff at either: Five acres flank the Sammamish River as it flows through Woodinville wine country. Couples can wed in the Garden Gazebo, surrounded by fragrant herbs, and have an intimate reception in the warm and cozy Gilman Room, or throw a large party in the Sammamish Ballroom, with glass doors opening onto the herb garden.

What makes it green: Sustainable landscaping practices; reclaimed construction materials; first Northwest hotel to win a 5-Star EnviroStars award. *Know before you book:* The lodge is about 30 minutes from downtown Seattle, so guests driving back to the city should celebrate responsibly.