

# SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIERS LIST

Applying a sustainable lens when purchasing items is important because of the far-reaching impacts everyday business models and supply chains have on environmental, social, and economic systems. This document lists suppliers that integrate sustainability and/or equity into their businesses.

When looking for a sustainable supplier, it is important to research the company and product. While the Office of Sustainability has curated this list using best available information, we have not reached out to each company to verify their qualifications. We therefore encourage you to do your own research on the companies cited to ensure they align with your own values and meet your needs.

Many companies claim to be sustainable, however, this can be a form of marketing known as “greenwashing”, where companies deceptively claim their products, policies, and services are environmentally friendly to encourage sales.

Below are key elements to consider when researching a sustainable supplier:

1. **Transparency:** the company publicly outlines their commitment to sustainability, environmental protection, and equity. Measurements of their social and environmental performance are publicly available.
2. **Certification:** the company and/or product is certified by a recognized sustainable certification (e.g., [B Corporation](#), [1% for the planet](#), [Fairtrade](#), [100% FSC Certified Paper](#))
3. **Ownership:** the company is a small local business. The company is owned by a person from an equity deserving group.
4. **Quality and relevance:** the product is made with long-lasting materials, it can be reused, and it fulfills a need.

For additional guidance, visit [Challenge the Label](#) or email [sustainability@humber.ca](mailto:sustainability@humber.ca).

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## Gifting Experiences

Rather than gifting low value items to all guests, use the budget towards a unique experience. Below are some ideas, you can be creative and raffle a special experience related to the event you're hosting.

Type	Description
<b>Education</b>	Offer a discount or tuition waive for a professional development program.
<b>Dining</b>	Give a gift card with enough credit for a nice meal at a local restaurant.
<b>Membership/ subscription</b>	Gift a year membership to a magazine, newspaper, gaming platform, streaming, etc.
<b>Museum or art gallery</b>	Tickets for museums and special exhibits at the Royal Ontario Museum, Art Gallery of Ontario, Bata Shoe Museum, Aga Khan Museum, etc.
<b>Nature adventure</b>	Gift a nature adventure such as tree top trekking, glamping, national park pass, etc.
<b>Toronto sight seeing</b>	CN Tower, Aquarium, Casa Loma.
<b>Sports game</b>	Tickets for games like baseball, basketball, hockey, etc.

## Apparel

Name	Description	Certifications
<a href="#">Green Campus Co-Op</a>	Fairtrade apparel, with screen printing options for t-shirts.	Fairtrade
<a href="#">The Good Tee</a>	With a mission to humanize the apparel industry and support the makers who make our clothing, The Good Tee supports ethical working conditions, embraces an ethical supply chain of cotton clothing.	B Corp, Fairtrade, Global Organic Textile Standard
<a href="#">Matt + Nat</a>	Vegan and cruelty-free brand with sustainable practices, including bag linings made of 100% recycled plastic bottles and a commitment to ensuring ethical and fair working conditions by visiting factories.	
<a href="#">Mini Tipi</a>	Indigenous, women-owned quality company that creates small batch apparel goods. All products are made in Quebec, Canada.	
<a href="#">Patagonia</a>	Outdoor clothing company with a strong commitment to sustainability and social activism. Read their <a href="#">Activism</a> page to learn more about their different initiatives.	B Corp, 1% for the planet
<a href="#">Tentree</a>	Sustainable clothing with the smallest environmental footprint, fair, safe working conditions. 10 trees are planted for each item purchased.	B Corp, Climate Neutral, Climate Label

## Food & Beverage

Before reaching out to an external caterer, please ensure that you are in compliance with Humber's catering policy.

Name	Description	Certifications
<b>4 Winds Catering</b>	Indigenous catering with special menu by chef Douglas Trudeau. Email for menu and quote: <a href="mailto:dtrudeau@4windscatering.ca">dtrudeau@4windscatering.ca</a>	
<a href="#"><u>Birch Bark Coffee</u></a>	First Nations-owned and operated coffee company. Birch Bark is committed to uplifting Indigenous families by addressing vital needs such as infrastructure development, education, and access to clean water through their Birch Bark Foundation Fund.	Fairtrade
<a href="#"><u>Ben &amp; Jerry's</u></a>	Ben & Jerry's is a certified B Corporation that has vegan and Fairtrade ice cream options.	B Corp, Fairtrade
<a href="#"><u>Bold Lemonaid</u></a>	Black-owned and family-run fresh lemonade business.	
<a href="#"><u>Cup of Te</u></a>	Organic loose-leaf teas company founded by Taylor Lindsay-Noel, an aspiring Olympic gymnast who suffered an accident while in training that left her paralyzed and in a wheelchair. Driven to overcome her challenges and transform her situation into something meaningful, she launched Cup of Té in 2018.	
<a href="#"><u>Dashmaan waan Bemaadzij in (They Feed the People)</u></a>	Catering that supports food security for Indigenous seniors and other vulnerable community members in Toronto.	
<a href="#"><u>Kicking Horse Coffee</u></a>	Rocky Mountain organic and Fairtrade roasted coffee.	Fairtrade, USDA Organic
<a href="#"><u>Salt Spring Coffee</u></a>	In 2024, Salt Spring Coffee's began roasting Canada's first Regenerative Organic Certified® coffee, setting the highest standard in the world for soil health, ecosystem preservation, and farmworker fairness.	Regenerative Organic Certified

## Health & Beauty

Name	Description	Certifications
<a href="#">Cheekbone Beauty</a>	Indigenous-owned Canadian cosmetics company known for high quality, cruelty-free vegan products. Read their <a href="#">sustainability initiatives</a> .	B Corp
<a href="#">Dharma Fairtrade</a>	Dharma Fairtrade was born out of artisanal beauty and ethical business practices.	Fairtrade
<a href="#">Diva</a>	Reusable feminine hygiene and menstrual products. Diva is a B Corporation.	B Corp
<a href="#">Notice Hair Co</a>	Low-waste and cruelty-free hair products.	Leaping Bunny Certified
<a href="#">Skwalwen Botanicals</a>	Indigenous skincare line that honors Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) plant knowledge and ancestral traditions by using sustainably harvested and sourced organic plants to balance, renew, repair, strengthen, hydrate and protect the skin.	
<a href="#">The Yukon Soaps Company</a>	Indigenous-owned Canadian company that creates hand-crafted soaps, shampoo bars, essential oil blends, and more. Also is a community-building, language-learning, earth-connecting hub in Yukon.	

## Low Waste Stores/Refilleries

Name	Description	Certifications
<a href="#">Bare Market</a>	Package-free goods and grocery.	
<a href="#">Hart Creative Co</a>	Zero-waste home alternatives, located in Oakville, ON. E-gift card options are available.	
<a href="#">Pretty Clean Shop</a>	Local, women-owned shop in Toronto that sells sustainable, safe, biodegradable, high-quality beauty and cleaning products. Gift card options are available.	
<a href="#">Refillery Market</a>	Refillery for cleaning products and personal care.	
<a href="#">Saul Good Gift Co</a>	B Corporation that sells handmade gift baskets by Canadian artisans.	B Corp, Climate Smart, Living Wage Certified
<a href="#">The Green Jar</a>	Waste free alternatives for personal care, home items, baby & kids products and more.	
<a href="#">Unboxed Market</a>	Zero-waste grocery store in Toronto.	

## Other

Name	Description	Certifications
<a href="#"><u>6x8 Market</u></a>	80+ local vendors sell their products in this giftstore.	
<a href="#"><u>A Different Booklist</u></a>	Independent Black-owned bookstore specializing in the rich literature of the African and Caribbean diaspora and the Global South.	
<a href="#"><u>Aaniin</u></a>	Products from multiple Indigenous vendors.	
<a href="#"><u>Disability Collective Virtual Marketplace</u></a>	One-stop online shopping directory to several disability-led shops and businesses from around the world.	
<a href="#"><u>Fill it Forward</u></a>	Reusable drinkware that provides access to clean drinking water.	B Corp, 1% for the planet
<a href="#"><u>Indigenous Box</u></a>	Indigenous-owned company that curates boxes filled with products from different Indigenous businesses. The boxes can be purchased as a one-time gift or subscription.	
<a href="#"><u>MasterCard e-giftcard</u></a>	Giftcard that allows users to purchase products/services of their choice.	
<a href="#"><u>McCabe</u></a>	B Corporation that makes different products with brand logos.	B Corp
<a href="#"><u>Milk Jar</u></a>	Clean-burning coconut soy candle company from Calgary, Alberta.	
<a href="#"><u>Volo Athletics</u></a>	Fairtrade soccer balls made in Pakistan.	Fairtrade