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Green Rider

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We all know that touring has a substantial impact on the environment. We're committed to doing what we can to minimise this where possible – but we can't do it all ourselves. We know that we can't dictate the way you run your venue or event, but we do have green aspirations that we'd love for you to consider.

Throughout this rider, you will find certain requests that are part of our efforts to become more 'green'. We thank you in advance for your time, effort, and cooperation in working with us to look after our planet.

For more information and support in making your own operations more environmentally sustainable, visit www.juliesbicycle.com.

Negotiations, Email Chains and Documents

- We ask that you do not print emails, contracts, technical riders or any other documents where possible – please use electronic signatures and stamps.

Audience Travel & Tickets

- We request that you and your ticket agent(s) make information available to audience members about public transport, cycling, and car sharing options and promote these wherever possible. Please also share this information with us as early as possible so that we can post a link to this on our website.
- Please provide secure bike parking for the audience at the venue.
- Where possible, please try to promote and use e-tickets

Catering

- Please only provide food and perishable drinks in the quantities requested.
- We prefer things like whole fresh fruit (especially bananas), vegetables, nuts and cereal bars – if we don't eat them, you can give them away to staff or others instead of throwing them away.
- Food and drinks to be organic, seasonal, locally sourced and with minimal disposable packaging. Look out for and give preference to any products with environmental credentials.
- Please only chill the things we have requested to be chilled.
- Please provide us with re-usable/washable service-ware (plates, cutlery, cups, etc.).

Micro-plastics have now been found in the human food chain

The Conversation

(<http://theconversation.com/youre-eating-microplastics-in-ways-you-dont-even-realise-97649>)

- Please provide drinking water in jugs/filtered mains water/bulk water dispensers in all dressing rooms. We will give you an estimate of how much water we will require in plenty of time before we arrive. (The Company may request bottled water for our dancers and technical team to have during performances only)
- Unopened drinks and uneaten food are to be re-allocated or donated where possible, or composted otherwise.

8% of greenhouse gas emissions come from food waste

The Washington Post

(https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/theworldpost/wp/2018/07/31/food-waste/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.79210db48a5a)

- Please do not set up kettles pre-filled with water. We will fill the kettles with the jugs of water/filtered mains water/bulk water dispensers and will heat this in the quantities we need.
- No single-serving sachets of salt/pepper/sugar/condiments please. Provide them in bottles or shakers or similar.

Energy

- Please turn on dressing rooms lights just before or on arrival.
- Please do not turn on air conditioning/heating too early – by the time our team arrives, the spaces should be the correct temperature for them to work, not before. (Recommended temperature - 22°C)
- Any fridges, kettles, toasters, lights, etc. in dressing rooms to be energy efficient insofar as possible (but don't buy anything new just for us – just keep it in mind for when you need to buy a replacement).

Waste

- We request that you provide clearly labelled recycling facilities backstage and in ALL dressing rooms for paper, cans, plastic and glass.
- If your venue collects biodegradable waste/compost, please also provide bins for this in ALL dressing rooms.
- Butt bins and/or ashtrays are to be provided in all smoking areas.

Production and other

- Please use environmentally friendly and non-toxic cleaning products (such as Ecover) in all dressing rooms and toilets backstage.
- Please provide post-consumer recycled toilet paper (and paper towels, if there are no hand dryers) in backstage toilets.
- If your city/town has an environmentally friendly cab service (e.g. Green Tomato Cars in London, G7 in Paris, Staxi in Amsterdam), please book any vehicles for us through them. Otherwise request fuel-efficient and/or hybrid cars.
- If you are booking our accommodation, the hotel is to be as close to the venue as possible to minimise transport to and from the show. Please confirm this prior to booking – there may be instances where it is more efficient to book closer to the airport/between locations/etc. Give preference to hotels with any environmental credentials (such as the Green Key eco-label or the EU Ecolabel for Tourist Accommodations).

Other General Ideas

- Please introduce a 'no idling' policy for all production and runner vehicles and have them shut off their motors when at rest.

A car idling produces up to 150 balloons of exhaust emissions containing harmful chemicals like cyanide, NOx and PM2.5 every minute
City of Westminster (www.westminster.gov.uk/don't-be-idle)

- Consider creating an offsetting strategy for the carbon emissions from your event or venue. This shouldn't be the only thing you do – but it can be a powerful tool alongside strategies to reduce your impact.
- Please send us a copy of your venue/festival/event's environmental policy if you have one, and let us know if there's anything we can do to support your efforts while we're with you.
- Use LED lighting wherever possible in your venue – start by switching your house and backstage, bar lights, toilets, emergency lighting...
- Consider installing solar panels and use this to power the Front of House areas of your building
- Print your marketing materials on 100% post-consumer recycled paper, and reduce the amount of print marketing you do. Where possible, make an e-version of your house programme available on your website.
- Promote and support your local environmental NGOs and other groups.
- Do an environmental audit or certification, such as the Julie's Bicycle Creative Green certification, to understand your environmental performance and how you can improve it
<https://www.juliesbicycle.com/creativegreen-certification>