

GORILLA CIRCUS GREEN RIDER



COMPANY STATEMENT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

We all have a responsibility for the preservation of the earth. We're doing our best to reduce the negative impacts of touring on the planet and through communication, we hope that together we can help develop a greener way of touring.

In our practice as a company, when making and presenting our work we have:

- Committed to measure our CO2 output and reduce wherever possible.
- Work to reduce the impact of our technical and production processes.
- Greening our back end/office (services, food, transport and equipment).
- A commitment to not waste resources and to recycle and reuse wherever possible.
- We aim to keep flying to an absolute minimum and use trains, buses (or shared journeys in vans) when possible.

Here are our GREEN RIDER requests from the presenting festival or promoter:

Power:

We recognise that getting power to our shows when outdoors isn't always easy.

Examples:

- Where possible, please provide us with mains electricity so that we can avoid running generators. Ideally you'll be working with a green energy provider (one which uses over 80% energy generated by wind/water/solar power).
- If you have local solar power facilities or other 'alternative' energy sources we'd love to hear about them and will do as much as possible (bringing appropriate cables etc) to make sure we can use them.

Audience Travel:

- 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 we can pass it on.
- Please provide secure bike parking for audiences at the venue.

Catering:

- Please only provide food and perishable drinks in the quantities requested.
- We prefer things like whole fresh fruit or vegetables – if we don't eat them, you can give them away to staff or others instead of throwing them away.
- Preference for 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 give us re-usable/washable service-ware (plates, cutlery, etc.). Absolutely NO Styrofoam plates or containers please.
- Please provide drinking water in jugs with glasses/cups in all dressing rooms.
- Please give us china mugs and actual drinking glasses.
- Unopened drinks and uneaten food is to be re-allocated or donated where possible, or composted otherwise.
- We bring our own refillable water bottles! Please make sure that drinkable tap water, filtered mains water (or standpipes or bulk water dispensers) are available to our crew at all times for refilling.
- Please do not set up kettles pre-filled with water. Provide us with water in jugs and we 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:

- Dressing room lights and air conditioning/heating are not to be turned on until just before our arrival.
- 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 your next 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 dressing rooms.
- Butt bins and/or ashtrays are to be provided in all smoking areas.

Production and other:

- Please provide us with a detailed list of your in-house production equipment that is available for use as we don't want to take anything on the road that is not strictly necessary.
- 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 (for example, Green Tomato Cars in London), 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 ideas:

- Please introduce a 'no idling' policy for all production and runner vehicles and have them shut off their motors when at rest.
- 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...
- Print your marketing materials on 100% post-consumer recycled paper, and reduce the amount of print marketing you do.
- 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>

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If you disagree with a request, or if you feel you are unable to deliver it, we ask simply that you contact us and we can find a solution together. If you've any suggestions for us, we'd love to hear them.

