



Home Film Screening Toolkit

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Hosting a film showing at home can be a great opportunity to have fun with friends and family and to promote consciousness about the environment. Start by taking small actions and spreading the word about current community projects. This guide will help you to prepare and have a fun and successful home movie night.

Before the event

Consider hosting a zero waste event. For more information visit <http://www.cooldavis.org/resources/zero-waste/>.

- Choose the best **day** and **time** for all the guests to insure that they will be able to accept your invitation.
- Having delicious **food** is one of the keys for a successful event. Either provide it or ask the guests to have a pre-screening potluck; finger food can be a good option to reduce solid waste and dishware use.
- Choose the best **place** in your home for the movie showing considering the expected number of guests and darkness necessary for projecting.
- Choose and get the **movie**. There are a lot options of films that promote environmental awareness (to find great movies to inspire your group, you could Google something like *movies about environment*). Most of them are available online. Check your DVD or internet connection in advance of the event.
- Make sure that your **equipment** is working well. Check it at least one week before the event in order to have time to make any needed repairs or to reposition the screen.
- Cool Davis can provide you with a Fact Sheet, FAQ's and other **materials** regarding **local activities, volunteer opportunities** and **events**. You can also request a Cool Davis member to speak at your meeting by sending an email to info@cooldavis.org.
- Prepare and send the **invitations** using the best media source to contact your audience. Send a reminder to participants at least two days before the event.

During the event

- As people come, ask them to **sign** the attendance sheet. [Click here to download it.](#)

- Before the film screening, you should give a short **introduction** of the movie and inform your guests about **projects** that are happening in the community and how to get involved.

After the event

- Have a **discussion** about what the audience learned from the movie and what small actions everybody can take to help with the solutions.
- **E-mail** us the attendance list to info@cooldavis.org, in order to keep the participants updated about upcoming events and projects.
- Send a **thank you** to participants with some ideas to help in the solution of issues you discussed after the screening.