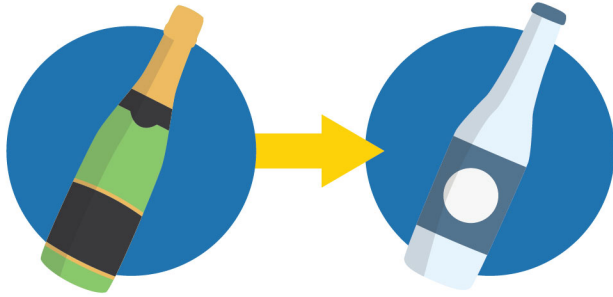




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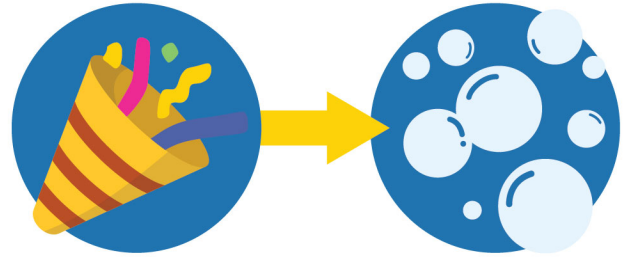
Graduation is a time of celebration. We all crave that picture-perfect moment with confetti, glitter, champagne, and balloons. However, these products litter the campus with trash that is difficult to clean up and contribute to pollution far from campus. Here are some swaps you can make to make your moment magical without making a mess!



CHAMPAGNE TO SPARKLING WATER

Popping champagne is not permitted as open alcohol containers are not allowed on UCLA grounds.

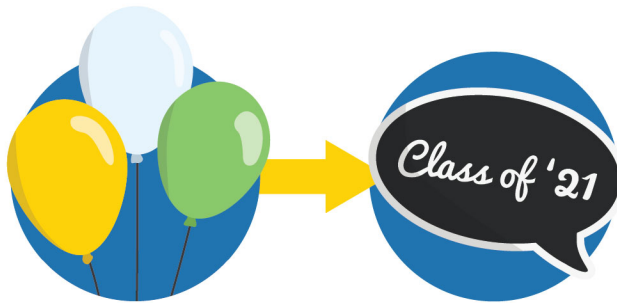
- Swap it out for a bottle of sparkling water that gives you the same fizzy shot without leaving a sticky mess on UCLA's iconic brick walkways.



GLITTER AND CONFETTI TO BUBBLES

Due to their small size, glitter and confetti often end up as contaminants in storm drains and waterways, threatening water quality and marine life.

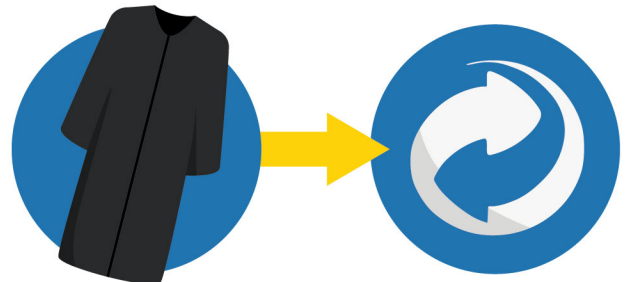
- Glitter and confetti can be substituted for leaves, flower petals, dried flowers or herbs, local bird seed, and other natural substitutes.
- Add a filter or other graphic elements like stickers to your shots in post-production. If Powell cat refused to show up for your shoot, add him in after the fact.



BALLOONS TO PROPS AND CUTOUTS

Balloons are a huge source of ocean pollution and are often mistaken for food, suffocating and killing marine animals.

- Mylar balloons also cause hundreds of power outages and fires in California alone when they make contact with transformers and power lines.
- Make a statement with a crafty sign, letter board, or chalkboard. Get creative with your messages!
- Memorialize your UCLA experience by bringing props and cutouts to your photoshoot. Pose with your favorite drink from Kerckhoff Coffee House or your last assignment, or commemorate the Class of '21 with a callout sign.



GRADUATION GOWNS TO RETURNS

Graduation gowns are used only a few times and are often left to collect dust in a closet after this celebratory period.

- If desired, graduates can return their graduation gowns to the Graduation Etc. Store at Ackerman Union A-Level during normal business hours (9am-6pm)
308 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90024
phone: 310-825-2587
e-mail: gradetc@asucla.ucla.edu
- Collection boxes will also be available at both LA Tennis Center and Drake Stadium near the exit of the venue. The boxes will be available for an hour after each ceremony.