

Rental Items to Enhance Your Event

As you go about planning your event and putting all the pieces together you can easily start to see how costs can add up rather quickly. For that reason, many people opt to utilize rental companies for items that would cost significantly more should they choose to make a one-time purchase. Rental companies offer a wide variety of items. We recently visited Julie Orenstein at Event Rents in Spokane, Washington at their expansive warehouse to discuss rental items.

The most common rental item we see at Elk Point is linens. Event Rents carries 14 different lines of linens with multiple colors per line. Linens cover everything from the table covering, napkins and even runners. Each line of linen has their own look, touch and feel with numerous color options, textures and combinations. “Clients choose colors and texture matches that we never thought of” according to Julie at Event Rents. “They make their choices to create the event they want and to fit their personality”.

When we meet with clients at Elk Point, we always refer them to Event Rents. One reason why is that everything they deliver is clean. There is nothing worse than seeing flatware or plates with dried food particles stuck on them, or a tent that has so much grime on it that it looks like it has been traveling with a circus for the last 5 years. Event Rents cleans everything. They have a linen laundering, pressing and folding area, a dishwashing area and even a tent washing area. “Everything is QC’d (Quality Controlled)” Julie says. “We clean, press, hang everything to have it perfectly ready for your event.

While Event Rents does offer pick up of rental items at their warehouse, they also deliver to locations across the Inland Northwest from Eastern Washington and into Northern Idaho. When delivering items, the Event Rents staff will setup things such as tents, dance floors and propane heaters so that the client does not have to, and things are setup and ready to go when the client arrives onsite at the venue. What we like at Elk Point is that Event Rents works with the venue to coordinate delivery and pickup windows that are mutually beneficial.

Julie at Event Rents wants to remind everyone to “reserve early”. As you plan there are going to be changes to your order. “We allow updates as late as a week prior on most items” she says. The exception is the tent policy which has a 14 day prior to event date cutoff. “There is often a waiting list for tents” according to Julie. Event Rents is flexible and accommodating when it comes to most minor, or major, adjustments to an order.

Chances are, your venue requires liability insurance. The good news is that most rental companies do not. What they do is include a “Damage and Maintenance Waiver” in their rental agreements. Julie says, “This covers things like lost napkins, flatware that the caterer accidentally dropped in the trash or broken glasses. Normal event mishaps”. The Waiver is not insurance but covers and protects the client and the rental company for most items that are lost or damaged during the course of your event.

Rental companies such as Event Rents offer thousands of items for you to choose from. The nice thing about Event Rents is that their items are ala carte. For example, when you need flatware you only pay for the items you need. If you only need forks and knives, there is no reason to pay for spoons.

When it comes to rental items the choices can be overwhelming. We recommend setting up an appointment with your chosen rental company and meeting with them to help streamline your choices to the items you need. Event Rents has a full staff ready to assist you with your event rental needs. Visit them in Spokane, or check out their website for a wide variety of rental item options.