

BASIL TREE

... CATERING ...
WITH A CONSCIENCE

Providing sustainable drop-off corporate catering
to Boston/Cambridge metro for over 30 years!

BRIEF HISTORY



In 1987, Val took the advice of the head of her Masters program at Brandeis and left school to carry out a business plan she had created for a class. She enlisted the help of her friends and co-workers, Irene and Carlos Carvalho, and launched Basil Tree Inc.

In a small, shared kitchen in Somerville, they prepared unique pasta salads for area cafes and take-out markets; an idea that soon evolved to include catering. The catering became so popular that they decided to eliminate the wholesale aspect of the business altogether.

Basil Tree is now located in the Fresh Pond area of Cambridge. Val remains the sole owner and the staff has grown to almost 30 employees with 10 delivery vans. Basil Tree recently received official certification as a [Women's Business Enterprise](#) as well as an [LGBT Business Enterprise](#) and continually works to support other underrepresented groups in the local community.

WHAT WE OFFER

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WHAT WE DON'T OFFER-

Since we are drop-off only, unfortunately we cannot accommodate the services below but we have a list of recommendations if you wish to order food from us and other services elsewhere!

Staffing

Rentals

Alcohol

Private home events

NAVIGATING THE MENU

See the full menu PDF [HERE](#)

- Items are priced per person
- Items are ordered a la carte, unless in Value Package
- Many items have a 6 or 10 person minimum
- With the exception of items that are specifically indicated as being individually packed, all items are served buffet style in bowls or on platters
- All dietary restrictions and allergies are marked on menu



DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/ALLERGIES*



Dairy-Free: no milk or milk products. May contain eggs



Gluten-Free: does not contain gluten. Our soy sauce is gluten-free



Contains Nuts: when items on our menu contain nuts, they will be clearly visible.
Our pesto does not contain nuts



Vegetarian: no meat, poultry, or seafood (may contain eggs and/or dairy)



Vegan: no meat, dairy, or eggs

*We do our best to accommodate special diets, but please be aware we are not a vegetarian, nut-free, or gluten-free kitchen, so there is always a chance of cross contamination.

BREAKFAST

For full selection, view menu pages 4-5

Many people opt for the classic Continental Breakfast.

This includes:

Assorted house-made pastries and muffins with mini bagels

Sliced fresh fruit

Coffee

We also offer some excellent hot breakfast options like our mini quiche cups, breakfast burritos, frittata florentine, and oatmeal.

We have vegan and gluten-free muffin options available for those with allergies. These always come separately packed and labeled.



Veggie Quiche Cups, Mini Croissants, and Sliced Fruit

LUNCH

For full selection, view menu pages 6-9

All sandwiches are cut in half and held with a pick that indicates the variety of sandwich.

We offer buffet Value Packages to save you time and \$

These include:

Sandwiches

Side (chips, garden salad, pasta salad, or tortellini salad)

Cookie & Brownie Platter

All sandwiches can be made on a gluten-free roll or wrap with the exception of the Falafel Wrap.

We also offer boxed lunches, entree salads, soups, and various side salads that make an excellent choice for lunch!



Buffet with Chips



Teriyaki Chicken Bowl

DINNER

For full selection and details, view menu pages 10-11

Sometimes a sandwich just isn't what you're looking for.

We offer a large variety of hot dinner (or lunch) options for all tastes, diets, and restrictions.

We usually recommend ordering 1 entree and 2 sides per guest

Like with our lunch buffets, we offer several Value Packages that put together meal ideas to make things easier for you and save you some \$. These Value Packages are:

Mex-to-go

Weekday Retreat

Greek Feast

Asian Delight

Italian Buffet

Taste of Thai



Italian platter

APPETIZERS

For full selection, view menu pages 12-13

Our appetizers are a delicious and attractive option for any reception or party your organization might have.

We advise that if you order about 3 or 4 platters, these platter sizes should feed:

- Small 10-15 guests
- Medium 25-40 guests
- Large 40-55 guests

We also offer some items available by the dozen if a platter isn't what you're looking for:

- Fresh Mozzarella and Tomato Skewers
- Southwest Chicken Skewers
- Vietnamese Fresh Rolls

SNACKS & DESSERT

For full selection of desserts, view menu page 14

What is a meal without dessert? We offer many excellent house-made cookies and mini desserts to compliment any menu.

All of our dessert platters can be made nut-free to accommodate allergies.

We also offer a selection of vegan and gluten-free treats so that everyone can have something sweet!

Looking for an afternoon snack but no sweet tooth? Our healthy snack option might be for you. This includes an assortment of: granola, dried fruit and nut mix, crackers, cheese, and turkey jerky (pg. 7 of menu).



Mini Dessert Platter



COFFEE & BEVERAGE SERVICE

For full selection, view menu page 15

Need a coffee break in the afternoon? We've got you covered.

Basil Tree uses [Recreo Coffee](#), a true “farm-to-cup” coffee roaster based out of West Roxbury.

Our coffee service includes all of the accessories you need: sugar, milk/creamer, stirrers, and cups.

In addition to coffee, we offer organic teas, lemonade, iced tea, and chilled water available in bulk options.

You may choose either disposable boxes or returnable dispensers that we pick up the next business day for no additional charge.

Our individual beverage options include Native spring water bottles, Polar seltzers, Nantucket Nectar juices, Coke, Diet Coke, and Ginger Ale.



EARTH-FRIENDLY PAPER GOODS

Basil Tree uses only compostable and recyclable materials for our orders.

Our compostable plates/bowls and napkins are made from repurposed sugar cane fibers. Our cutlery and cold cups are made from a corn-based material.

In an effort to reduce waste, we do not automatically include paper products and cutlery with your order but when you do order paper goods, we send you everything you need for your guest count plus a few extra.

Serving utensils (tongs, spoons, etc.), however, will always be included for no additional charge.

Paper goods: \$1.29/person

Linen-like paper table cloth: \$6.99



HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER



All weekday orders must be placed by 4pm the business day prior to your event at the latest. For weekends, by Thursday at 4pm.



Order online at <https://www.basiltree.com/orders/login/>



Call and speak with a representative at 617-776-9100 ext. 1



Email the catering manager at catering@basiltree.com

DELIVERY DETAILS

Standard delivery fee: \$20 for Cambridge, Boston, Somerville, Medford, and Watertown

Weekday Minimum order: \$50

Weekend Minimum order: \$250

Delivery fee & minimum order outside of standard range: inquire for details and availability

Delivery available Monday-Friday between the hours of 7am-7pm

Weekends- 7:30am-5pm

We require a 30 min window for delivery.

For example- Your event begins at 12pm. We would recommend a window from 11:00-11:30 or 11:15-11:45

Drivers are happy to help with your set up!



SUSTAINABILITY

Basil Tree composts and recycles over 90% of the waste we create on site.
We use Save That Stuff for our waste management.

Have you heard of our Basil Bins? We created the Basil Bin service (shown to the right) in order to pick up any platters, bowls, serving utensils, and reusable beverage dispensers from catering jobs. This service makes it easy for you to collect these items in one place and our drivers come and pick the bin up the business day following your event. All items that are in good enough shape are then sanitized and reused for countless more deliveries. Did I mention that this is a FREE service?

Basil Tree is certified as a Sustainable Business Leader with the organization [SBN of Massachusetts](#). SBN has helped us source earth-friendly products and practices and connects local businesses with each other. We are committed to our continual education to make sure that we are always using the best practices for the environment while still offering the best service to our customers.

[Learn more about our sustainability HERE](#)



LOCAL SOURCING



We support the development of a healthy and sustainable food system by purchasing from local businesses whenever possible and ensuring that each product meets our rigorous standards.

Some of our local vendors include:

[Equal Exchange](#) (West Bridgewater) - fair trade organic sugar, pecans, chocolate

[Curtis Street Bakers](#) (Somerville) - gluten free pastries and desserts

[Deano's Pasta](#) (Somerville) - fresh pastas

[Native Brand](#) (Fall River) - spring water from 100% post consumer recycled water bottles

Learn more about our local sourcing [HERE](#)

PERKS FOR YOU, THE ONE ORDERING

- Free breakfast or sandwich lunch EVERY time you order
- Seasonal gifts and treats
- Look out for codes in our newsletter for discounts and giveaways

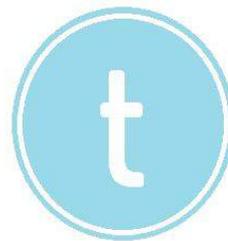


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TO WORK WITH YOU!

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