

COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS GUIDE

Yes – You can compost it!

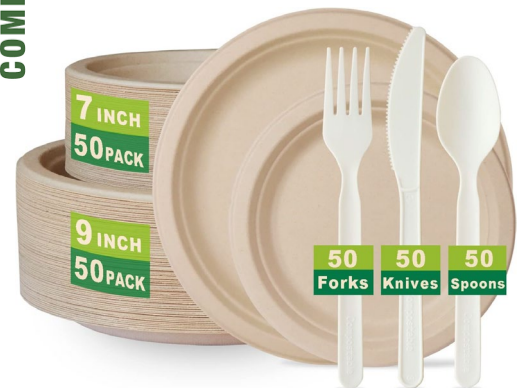
♥ **PLAIN** fiber plates without coating or printing

♥ **Certified** compostable products such as utensils made from cornstarch materials or PLA that are BPI Certified or ASTM 6400 Certified

♥ Food soiled paper including plain napkins and paper towels

♥ Popsicle sticks, toothpicks, wood chopsticks, wooden skewers, wooden utensils

♥ Compostable products are often available in sets as seen here, but look for certification such as BPI or ASTM D6400.



NO, you can't compost it!

✗ Plastic cups, plastic utensils

✗ Regular paper plates, cups and bowls with any kind of coating and/or printing →

✗ Napkins with foil embellishments

✗ Items marketed as 'natural', 'biodegradable', 'earth-friendly' do not necessarily break down in a compost facility. These terms are not regulated, and these products should be evaluated by material type – see reverse.



COMPOSTING AT EVENTS – BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ If possible, use compostable products only (some recyclable alongside some compostable leads to confusion)
- ✓ Put all waste bins together to make a sorting station. No compost bin or recycling bin should ever be by itself – it will be used as a garbage!
- ✓ Use signage with pictures of accepted items on it
- ✓ Tape example compostable items onto compost bin lid if possible (such as cups or plates that might be confusing)
- ✓ Monitor bins for issues or common contaminants

What about products that are labeled ‘compostable’, or are compostable but not labeled?

NOTE: Terms like ‘compostable’, ‘natural’, plant-based’, or ‘biodegradable’ are not regulated. Look for products based on material type, not buzz words!



Yes, these are accepted for composting because they are not coated or shiny and are clearly all plant fiber.



No, these are not compostable because they have a shiny coating and have printed designs.



← Reserve compost and recycling collection containers free of charge for your next event!

Examples of where to purchase compostable products:

- <https://www.goodstartpackaging.com/>
- <https://compostitall.com/all-categories>
- <https://store.worldcentric.com/store>
- [Amazon party pack example](#)



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