

IS IT COMPOSTABLE?

Here's how to know which **PRODUCTS** are truly compostable in your curbside bin.

✓ YES, IF IT'S A PAPER PRODUCT *NOT* LINED WITH PLASTIC.

Many foodservice paper products are lined with petroleum-based plastics that contaminate our soils when composted.

✓ These paper products are free of plastic and can be safely composted.



✗ These paper products are plastic-coated and go in the **TRASH**.



✓ YES, IF IT'S A *CERTIFIED* COMPOSTABLE "PLASTIC."

If it looks like it contains plastic, it must be a certified "bio-plastic" to be safe for soils.

✓ Products that appear to contain plastic must be certified compostable by BPI.



These labels also mean certified compostable:

ASTM D6400 ASTM D6868



must have letters PLA

✗ These labels **DO NOT** mean compostable.

MADE FROM PLANTS
MADE FROM PLANT STARCH
BIODEGRADABLE
OXO-DEGRADABLE
BIO
ECO-FRIENDLY
EARTH-FRIENDLY
MADE WITH RECYCLED CONTENT
GREEN

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