

ECO-FRIENDLY DISPOSABLE FOODWARE

ELIMINATE STYROFOAM BY 2024

KNOW YOUR FOODWARE



COMPOSTABLE & FIBER-BASED

Fiber-based products, or those that are derived from plants or paper, can be the best options for foodware. Containers can be composted, are sturdy for many applications, and are unbleached. Kraft paper and bagasse containers are most common.



BIODEGRADABLE

Containers that are compostable are also biodegradable, but not all biodegradable products are compostable. Biodegradable items will decompose over a long period of time. Compostable products are guaranteed to decompose within a specific time frame and don't release harmful chemicals into the environment.



COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS

Containers are made from PLA Plastics, which could be created from com, sugarcane, or cassava. Not all containers are commercially compostable unless certified and materials can be grown with harmful pesticides and fertilizers.



POLY-COATED KRAFT PAPER

Often made from recycled-content material, these containers are made from paper, but often not compostable because of their linings, which can contain PFAS. Seek containers with compostable linings that are PFAS-free.



MINERAL-FILLED POLYPROPYLENE

Made from up to 40% mineral content and reduces amount of plastic used to manufacture each container. While recyclable, these containers still use plastic.



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WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

Look for the following foodware attributes:

- Commercially compostable
- Fiber-based
- Unlined or PFAS-free lining
- Contains recycled content and/or recyclable
- BPA-free

Credible Product Certifications





RANKING SUSTAINABLE FOODWARE

Most Sustainable



COMPOSTABLE, FIBER-BASED, MOLDED PULP CONTAINERS **UNLINED OR PFAS-FREE LINING**

POLY-COATED KRAFT PAPER CONTAINERS



COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS PLA-BASED PRODUCTS



MINERAL-FILLED POLYPROPYLENE

Least Sustainable

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