



# Compostability of Food Service Ware

## 2 Rules of Thumb:

- Product must have certification printed on box and individual pieces must be labeled "compostable" or show certification
- The color green does not signify compostability, nor do terms like "biodegradable", "sustainable", "Earth Friendly", etc.

## Accredited Certifications



BPI:

- Leading certification for compostable products
- Guarantees no intentional addition of PFAS



CMA:

- Third party certification for compostability in various composting environments (windrow, aerated static pile, etc)



TUV:

- Austrian standard for compostability
- Denotes type of composting environment e.g. Home, Industrial

ASTM D6400:

- North American standard for compostability
- Does not have its own logo, but will usually also be certified through BPI



EN 13432:

- European standard for compostability





# Where to Source?

The number of certified compostable products is rising. There are many companies that offer compostable materials like Eco Products, World Centric, and others, but below you'll find general sites that help find products across many brands. Scan the QR code with the camera of a smart phone and you will be directed to their website.



Good Start Packaging  
website

## **Good Start Packaging**

One stop shop, search for a product and buy it here knowing it's compostable.



BPI Product  
website

## **Biodegradable Products Institute**

This site lists products that have been certified by BPI. You can't buy them here but you can get information about what is and is not truly certified. This site will help link you elsewhere for purchasing options.



CMA website

## **Compost Manufacturing Alliance**

Same as above, this site acts as a guide to get to know the products that are truly compostable with helpful visuals. You can find them for purchase out in the world wide web knowing you are choosing a product made with sustainable intentions.

