

Compostable & Recyclable Packaging Guide for Mobile Food Vendors Summer 2018-19

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Newtown Festival 2019 are committed to minimising the amount of waste created at their event, and the percentage of waste that will go to landfill. As part of a suite of measures to achieve this, including hand sorting all waste, the event team require all vendors to use 100% locally compostable or recyclable service-ware.

As of Dec 2018, all products listed in this guide can be composted at Wellington's commercial compost facility or accepted for processing at our recycling facilities in Seaview.

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER

WE CAN ACCEPT

- ✓ Products made from: paper, cardboard, potato starch, sugarcane, bagasse & bamboo materials
- ✓ Wooden chopsticks, knives, forks & spoons and stirrers
- ✓ Branding must use non-toxic inks e.g. soy based inks
- ✓ Corn-starch compostable waste bags must be approved by us

WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- ✗ PE/"wax" lined products - these containers are either made of fibres held together by a PE compound, or the container itself is lined with PE
- ✗ Oil based plastics (including degradable plastic bags)
- ✗ Hard bioplastics i.e. the 'hard' PLA, e.g. smoothie containers/water bottles/opaque knives forks spoons & straws
- ✗ Bleached napkins/products

APPROVED SUPPLIER LIST

Biochoice
Biopak
Bioware
Ecoware
Eco Soulife
Friendlypak
Green Bean eco-tableware
Innocent Packaging

Note: not all products that these suppliers sell can be processed at Wellington's commercial compost facility. Please review the information on the following pages carefully.

GLOSSARY

PE

Polyethylene is an oil-derived plastic used commonly in food serviceware as a heat or liquid proof lining in hot drink cups and containers. We do not have a facility in New Zealand to separate the PE lining from paper products, so it is a landfill product here and should not be used. Classic examples are the 'longest drink in town' milkshake cups, 'Mr Chips', and all non-compostable coffee cups.

PLA

Polylactic Acid is a compostable bioplastic used in two forms in food serviceware:

1. as a heat/liquid-proof lining in coffee cups and containers
2. in solid or 'hard' form for smoothie cups, cutlery, straws

Our commercial compost facility in Wellington can only accept PLA when in the form of a lining as these products break down within the normal cycle of their compost process. They are currently making one exception for 'hard' PLA products and that is opaque compostable/PLA coffee cup lids, (this is the only form of hard PLA they are accepting).

If you have questions or need help finding a packaging solution, please don't hesitate to contact us:
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ACCEPTED COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING

All packaging must be from the approved supplier list

All branding must use non-toxic e.g. soy-based inks

CUPS



100% Paper Cups (no PE lining)



PLA-lined coffee cups

LIDS



Opaque PLA coffee cup lids

CONTAINERS

NB: Lids made from PLA are not accepted
-- see glossary



Paper, paperboard, Kraft or cardboard packaging



Paper, paperboard, Kraft or cardboard packaging with PLA- lining



Bamboo or straw containers



Bagasse / sugar cane or potato starch containers

WRAPS/ POUCHES



Wraps / pouches made with a vegetable wax coated paper

CUTLERY



Wooden (pine or bamboo) cutlery ('hard' / 100% PLA cutlery is not accepted – see Glossary)



Wooden (pine or bamboo) skewers, chop sticks, stirrers

NAPKINS



100% paper towels or napkins (brown or white only)

STRAWS

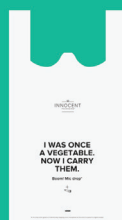


Paper with plant based glues only

BAGS



100% paper



100% plant based bags (e.g. corn starch) accepted
Please check with us

ACCEPTED RECYCLABLE PACKAGING

ALUMINUM CANS



STEEL CANS



GLASS



#1 PLASTIC BOTTLES



LANDFILL PACKAGING - DO NOT USE

PE/"wax" lined products



SOFT PLASTICS



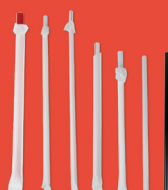
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PLASTIC or PLA STRAWS



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TIN FOIL



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