

Accepted Compostable or Recyclable Food Service Ware in San Francisco

Refer to the Compostable or Recyclable Food Service Ware Vendor list to purchase accepted food service ware

Product Categories*	Product Description	Criteria for Collection	Accepted for Compost Collection	Accepted for Recycle Collection
Bowls	Paper and/or plant fiber, such as sugarcane or rice (brown, white, offwhite)		YES	NO
	Compostable plastic (offwhite and clear)	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" (sticker or printing) in a green color or within a green band.†	YES	NO
Boxes (folding)	Paper and/or plant fiber, such as sugarcane or rice (brown, white, offwhite)		YES	NO
Cold Cups & Lids	Compostable plastic (offwhite and clear)	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" (sticker or printing) within a green band.†	YES	NO
	#1 (PET), #2 (HDPE), #4 (LDPE), #5 (PP) , or #6 (PS- no foam) resin plastics		NO	YES
Cutlery	Compostable plastic (various)	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" in embossed lettering directly on the product.†	YES	NO
Hot Cups & Lids	Paper and/or plant fiber	Thin coating of polyethene is acceptable, but polyethylene foam coating and Styrofoam are not acceptable.	YES	NO
	#6 (PS- no foam) plastic		NO	YES
Hinged Containers (one piece clamshell)	Paper and/or plant fiber, such as sugarcane, rice, and wheat (brown, white, offwhite)		YES	NO
	Compostable plastic (offwhite and clear)	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" (sticker or printing) in a green color or within a green band. †	YES	NO
Lidded Containers (two piece - square or round)	Paper and/or plant fiber, such as sugarcane or rice (brown, white, offwhite)		YES	NO
	Compostable plastic (offwhite and clear)	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" (sticker or printing) in a green color or within a green band on each piece.†	YES	NO
	Aluminum		NO	YES (excluding paper lids with foil backing)
	#1 (PET), #2 (HDPE), #4 (LDPE), #5 (PP) , or #6 (PS- no Styrofoam) plastics		NO	YES (no food)
Napkins	Paper		YES	NO
Plates, Trays or Cup Holders	Paper and/or plant fiber, such as sugarcane, rice or wheat (brown, white, offwhite)		YES	NO
	Aluminum		NO	YES (no food)
	Compostable plastic (offwhite)	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" (sticker or printing) in a green color or within a green band.†	YES	NO
Straws or Stirrers	Paper or wood		YES	NO
Wraps	Paper or other plant fiber		YES	NO
	Compostable plastic (opaque, offwhite, green) and/or cellophane	Must be clearly labeled "compostable" (sticker or printing) in a green color. †	YES	NO
	Aluminum foil		NO	YES (no food)

* Categories not listed are exempted. No exceptions for polystyrene foam ban.

† Product must meet ASTM D6400 standard specification for compostable plastics. The Biodegradable Products Institute maintains a list of certified compostable products that meet the ASTM standard at bpiworld.org.