



Guidelines for Disposable Compostable Serve-ware

Black Dirt Farm accepts compostable serve-ware that is 100% plant-fiber based and will break down in our compost piles. We require compostable products that are BPI or USCC certified. We are proud of the high quality compost that we produce. We do not accept compostable plastic products because they do not break down well, they contaminate the end compost and make the product unsuitable for organic production.

We accept:

- 100% plant fiber based products certified as compostable by BPI or USCC. Products made from paper, kraft paper, wood, reeds, bamboo, sugarcane/bagasse, or palm leaves.

We DO NOT accept:

- COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS (even BPI certified)
- Products made from PLA (Polylactic acid), corn, or potato
- Compostable bags, compostable plastic utensils or cups
- Items that are identified as BIODEGRADABLE or simply DEGRADABLE
- Products produced by OXO

Look out for these common trip-ups:

Utensils	
YES: Utensils made from wood or bamboo	NO: Utensils made from PLA, corn, or potato
Cups (for either hot or cold beverages)	
YES: We are unaware of any products that meet our requirements currently. If you think you have found something that might work please contact us.	NO: Cups made from plastic, with either a wax or PLA lining
Napkins & Paper Towels	
YES: Brown paper only	NO: Synthetic fibers
Plates & Bowls	
YES: Any products made from paper, kraft paper, wood, reeds, bamboo, sugarcane/bagasse, or palm leaves.	NO: Products made from plastic, or with either a wax or PLA coating

Looking for suppliers of compostable products? The Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) is a non-profit regulating body for compostable products. Access their product listings here: <http://products.bpiworld.org/companies/category/foodservice> Or ask you food service distributor for products that meet these standards.