

Compostable Foodservice Items

Guidelines for City of Minneapolis Buildings

Organics recycling is available in all City owned buildings. Paper cups, plates, bowls, and utensils put in the organics recycling bins must be certified compostable. City staff and other organizations providing food and beverages in City buildings can support the City’s organics recycling efforts by using the following guide to select certified compostable foodservice items.



Organics Recycling Foodservice Guidelines

Accepted

- ✓ BPI Certified products
- ✓ Unlined and uncoated paper products (napkins, plates)



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Not Accepted

- Plastic silverware not certified compostable
- Decorative paper plates
- Coffee cups not certified compostable
- Paper coated with foil
- Plastic, including Styrofoam™, chip bags and plastic-coated items
- Items labeled “made with plants” or “biodegradable” WITHOUT a compostable certification

Certified Compostable Foodservice Items

The following list includes certified compostable products available from [Innovative Office Solutions](#) (952-808-9900). Visit the Innovative Office Solutions website to find additional sizes, quantities, and colors, or place an order.

Cups					
Item	Vendor	Code	Colors	Size (oz.)	Quantity
GreenStripe Cold Cups	Eco-Products	ECOEPCC9SGSP	Clear	9	50/PK
World Art Hot Cups	Eco-Products	ECOEPBHC8WAP	Gray, Moss, Plum	8	50/PK
Plates					
Item	Vendor	Code	Colors	Size (in.)	Quantity
Plates	Eco-Products	ECOEPP016PK	White	6	50/PK
Bowls					
World Art Bowls	Eco-Products	ECOEPBSC16WA ECOEPBSC12WA ECOEPBSC8WA	Gray, Moss, Plum	16	25/PK

Silverware				
Item	Vendor	Code	Colors	Quantity
Plantware Cutlery Kit	Eco-Products	ECOEPS015	White	250/CT
Plantware Spoon	Eco-Products	ECOEPS013	White	50/PK
Plantware Fork	Eco-Products	ECOEPS012	White	50/PK
Plantware Knife	Eco-Products	ECOEPS011	White	50/PK

Additional vendors include:

- [Litin Paper Company](#) (State Contract Vendor)
- [Twin Ports Paper & Supply](#) (State Contract Vendor)
- [Vendors listed on the Health Department's Go Green Vendor List](#)
- Moss Envy
- Grocery stores (unlined Chinet paper plates are BPI certified)
- Food co-ops

If selecting compostable foodservice items from one of the additional vendors listed, be sure products are labeled with a BPI certification. Visit www.BPIworld.org to verify if the item is certified compostable.

The [Green to Go Ordinance](#) requires food and beverages prepared for immediate consumption and to-go to be placed in environmentally acceptable packaging. Environmentally acceptable packaging is reusable, recyclable or compostable.

Please contact 311 regarding any businesses distributing Styrofoam™ or other non-recyclable or non-compostable to-go containers.

Request an organics collection container from Property Services or the Minneapolis Building Commission before your meeting so the appropriate containers are available.

Contact Solid Waste & Recycling with questions about compostable products at SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov or by calling 612-673-2917.