

IS IT COMPOSTABLE?



Here's how to know which PRODUCTS are truly compostable in your compost bin.

✓ YES, IF IT'S A PAPER PRODUCT WITH NO PLASTIC COATING.

Many foodservice paper products are lined with petroleum-based plastics that contaminate our soils when composted.

✓ **These paper products are free of plastic and can be safely composted.**

bagasse
paper only, no plastic coating
greasy pizza boxes
paper towels and paper napkins

✗ **THESE PAPER PRODUCTS ARE PLASTIC-COATED AND GO IN THE TRASH.**

plastic-lined butcher or deli paper

✓ YES, IF IT'S A CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE "PLASTIC."

If it looks like it contains plastic, it must be a certified "bio-plastic" to be safe for soils.

✓ **Products that appear to contain plastic must be certified compostable by BPI.**

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Biodegradable Products Institute | US COMPOSTING COUNCIL

These labels also mean certified compostable:

ASTM D6400 ASTM D6868

ingeo NatureWorks LLC

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PLA must have letters PLA

✗ **These labels DO NOT mean compostable.**

- MADE FROM PLANTS
- MADE FROM PLANT STARCH
- BIODEGRADABLE
- OXO-DEGRADABLE
- BIO
- ECO-FRIENDLY
- EARTH-FRIENDLY
- MADE WITH RECYCLED CONTENT
- GREEN

✓ *Find and purchase compostable products with our time-saving tools at www.ecocycle.org/compost*

