

Zero Waste Products

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS:

Eco Products: <https://www.ecoproducts.com/>

World Centric: <http://www.worldcentric.org/>

Going Green Services: <http://www.goinggreenservices.com/PET-Clear-Cup-16-oz-p/espet16.htm>

Biodegradable Products Institute: <http://products.bpiworld.org/?search=&category=59&type=2>

Green Paper Products: <https://greenpaperproducts.com/>

First Choice Wooden Cutlery: <https://www.firstchoiceware.com/>

PURCHASING TIPS:

- Reduce purchasing and buy in bulk. Not only will it reduce waste, but it will help cut costs and eliminate the need for unnecessary packaging. Ex: consider large condiment containers as opposed to individual packets.
- Avoid single use products like straws, stirrers, unnecessary utensils, or other excess disposable items. These items use large amounts of resources to produce and are a huge source of pollution.
- Don't be fooled by items that say "Made from Recycled Material" or "Post-Consumer Recycled Material". It's great a product you purchased was created from recycled waste but that means it cannot be recycled again and will end up in our local landfill.
- It is best to purchase recycle items labeled #1 or #2. They are made from durable material that is more marketable than #3-#7.
- If you go with paper products, purchase UN-COATED paper plates, cups, bowls, etc. Chinet is a great brand you can find anywhere. Look for brands that say compostable, have a BPI Certified Compostable label.
- When purchasing napkins, brown/natural napkins are best!

PRODUCTS:



Food Containers such as plates, bowls, trays, & clamshells should be paper, bamboo, or sugarcane based. Check for "BPI Certified Compostable" label to ensure they break down at our facility and are NOT lined with plastic.



Utensils should be labeled "BPI Certified Compostable" or made from wooden or other natural material. Our local recycling and compost facilities cannot accept utensils made from recycled material/content or simply labeled "Biodegradable."



Beverage Containers such as aluminum cans and plastic bottles are accepted for recycling. At this time, we are unable to recycle plastic cups nor compost "compostable plastic cups" in our region. BPI Certified Compostable "hot coffee cups" are recommended because they are accepted in our local compost facility. Non-compostable *white coffee cups* are also recyclable here.