


COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS DO'S & DON'TS	
CHOOSE	AVOID
Products that are BPI and/or CMA certified. 	Products that claim to be “degradable” or “biodegradable” or make vague claims that are not certified by a third party.
<b>Paperboard</b> products made from clay-coated paper, or lined with a bio-wax or PLA	<b>Paperboard</b> products lined with plastic, which are not compostable
<b>Molded Fiber</b> products lined with PLA	<b>Unlined Molded Fiber</b> , which is usually treated with unsafe fluorinated chemicals (PFAS)
<b>Bamboo, Palm leaf, or Birch wood</b> products, which are naturally moisture proof	Clear <b>PLA cups and food containers</b> because compost farms can't handle too much of it and because it can contaminate recycling
<b>Cutlery made from PLA</b> as a lower cost alternative to bamboo, palm leaf, or birch wood.	<b>Plastic-lined paper products or plastic cutlery</b> , which contaminates compost

## Waste-Free Wednesday: Containers!

Dealing with leftovers as you prepare more home-cooked meals? **Say no to plastic wrap!** Use **reusable containers** that create that airtight seal. To cover an open bowl, use recyclable aluminum foil, or check out these **re-usable silicone stretch lids**: <https://www.unpackedliving.com/.../silicone-stretch-lids-set-...>

If you're braving the restaurant scene, in addition to your mask, **bring your own container, and pack up your leftovers** yourself. When ordering take-out, wash and reuse the containers for use in other applications! You can also encourage your favorite restaurants to provide compostable containers, or implement these 5 easy steps: <https://www.productstewardship.us/general/custom.asp...>

Across the country, restaurants are committing to making sustainable choices for our ocean through the Surfrider Foundation's **Ocean Friendly Restaurant Program**. Check out your local Ocean Friendly Restaurant here <https://www.surfrider.org/progra.../ocean-friendly-restaurants>

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To read the full **Compostable Food Servicewear Buying Guide**, visit: <https://careforthecapeandislands.org/.../Compostable...>