

WHERE TO BUY LOCAL COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

- Cub West has Wild Harvest cutlery, Repurpose compostable straws plus Shoppers Value that can be composted. CUB East has straws and Shoppers Value compostables.
- Both Mankato Cub stores have 2-3 gallon, 13 gallon and 33 gallon compostable bags in their bag aisles.
- Downtown HyVee carries 3 gallon Biobags in their bag aisle. In the paper plate aisle they have That's Smart! as well as, compostable straws and cutlery.
- Hilltop HyVee Natural Market has cutlery, muffin cups, parchment paper and wax paper that are compostable. Hefty Eco Save and Simply Done in the paper plate aisle, plus compostable straws & cutlery.
- Target is carrying a brand of food wrap and food storage bags in many sizes called "Matter". They also have Matter compostable straws and Restore natural straws. Find these in the bag aisle near the Pharmacy.



TO REDUCE WASTE WHILE EATING OUT

- Eat at restaurants that use real dishes.
- As a second choice eat at restaurants that serve food in compostable and/or recyclable containers AND who recycle and compost the containers.
- As a third choice buy carryout at restaurants that serve in compostable or recyclable containers if you can compost/recycle them at home. Request no straws or plastic utensils when ordering.
- Ask your favorite restaurant if they will compost or recycle.
- Bring your own to-go or leftovers containers—or ask for tin foil and recycle it at home.
- Some restaurants have switched from Styrofoam to other take-out containers. These are not recyclable if the paper containers have plastic coating. Ask restaurants to offer compostable take out containers and cutlery instead of plastic coated paper.

RESTAURANTS WITH COMPOSTABLE TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS

logos:

Coffee Hag	Wooden Spoon
Mom & Pop's	Chipotle (bowls)
Dickeys BBQ	Pizza Ranch chicken boxes
Tandem Bagels	River Rock Coffee
Massad's at River Hills Mall Food Court	

All take-out cardboard pizza boxes are compostable.

BEWARE OF "GREEN-WASH"

Saying it's compostable is not enough.

Look for the



COMPOSTABLE
IN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES
Check locally, as these do not exist in many communities. **Not suitable for backyard composting.** CERT # S-A-M-P-L-E

Finding compostable products online



- www.selfeco.com – based in Stillwater – unusual products
- donny@triosupply.com, Trio Supply Company, Fridley, MN 55421-2629, Cell 612-845-9027, Office 612-522-3822 Donny Bergdahl
- www.earthchoicepackaging.com
- www.worldcentric.org – available in smaller and larger quantities
- www.greenpaperproducts.com/biodegradable-products – Has smaller quantities
- litineco.com – smaller quantities available – great Minneapolis store
- www.ecoproductsstore.com – wide range of compostable products including compostable straws – can order in smaller or larger quantities
- www.products.bpiworld.org – list of companies that sell a huge diversity of compostable products including compostable wrap – Call 888 274-5646 to find out which products are BPI Certified or email Info@bpiworld.org
- www.repurposecompostables.com – some items available at Hy-Vee stores
- www.thetaremarket.com – order on-line or visit this zero waste store in Minneapolis. Package-free, sustainable cleaning/living products and non-perishable bulk foods

Resource websites for composting and recycling

- www.mankatozerowaste.com - Local group that works on recycling and composting and has information on city drop-off organic recycling sites
- www.blueearthcountymn.gov/ww for the waste wizard tool to help you find where to recycle items
- <http://ilsr.org/initiatives/composting/> - composting resources and information
- <http://ilsr.org/initiatives/zero-waste-and-economic-development/> - Institute for Local Self Reliance is an excellent source for information on the latest compost activities.
- www.recycleminnesota.org – site for Recycling Association of Minnesota
- <http://www.sustainableplastics.org/> - discusses the problems with fossil-fuel based plastics and the opportunities and challenges of using bio based plastics
- www.eurekarecycling.org/ - Eureka is a zero-waste organization located in the Twin Cities with initiatives focusing on reuse, recycling, composting, and waste reduction.
- www.pca.state.mn.us - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency | 520 Lafayette Rd. N | St. Paul, MN 55155 | 651-757-2276
- www.iatp.org - Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy - works to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems.
- <http://www.mncompostingcouncil.org/advocacy.html> - Minnesota Composting Council
- www.mulchstoremn.com - The Mulch Store
- <https://www.recyclingconnections.org/composting> - information on backyard composting
- <https://extension.umn.edu/master-gardener/ask-master-gardener>