

## Compostable Plastics – Sustainable or Not?

Many “Earth Friendly” tableware produces, market their single-use plant-based plastic food ware products, as “compostable.” Unfortunately,

- ✓ Plant based plastics are not allowed in compost that will be certified organic for agricultural use.  
NOT ACCEPTED AT REDWOOD LANDFILL
- ✓ Landscaping compost facilities are finding that these rigid compostable plastic items are not actually breaking down during the composting process.  
NOT ACCEPTED BY BAY CITIES REFUSE SERVICES

Compostable plastic utensils and clear cups are landfill trash throughout Marin County.

If single use utensils are needed, they should be placed in trash - they are not compostable or recyclable.

**BEST PRACTICE: Use existing tableware.**

Even in a drought, washing and reusing existing tableware has a smaller carbon footprint and is more sustainable - Calif Dept of Water Use and Efficiency