

By following our sourcing guidelines when purchasing food service products, you are taking the *first step* needed to help NC State achieve it's 70% waste diversion goal. Our own compost facility transforms organic waste from campus into valuable material that lives a circular life, thus closing the loop.

Certifications

Look for one of these certifications during purchasing.

BPI Certified



Compost Manufacturing Alliance Approved



Most Preferred Sourcing

Look for products made up of molded plant fiber, bagasse, sugar cane, bamboo, balsa wood, wheat straw, palm leaf, wood, paper, PHA or PLA (plant-based) compostable plastic (PLA #7)



AVOID

It is not recommended to source products made partially or entirely of plastic or styrofoam such as plastic to-go containers, cups, lids, cutlery, condiment cups, stir sticks, styrofoam cups and to-go containers. Plastic is 85% of contamination at compost facilities!

