



# Zero Waste Solutions

# REDUCING TRASH: SINGLE USE ITEMS

We recommend durable, reusable items whenever possible. Single-use items are often more costly & burdensome on the environment during production as well as disposal. Below are some tips to consider on how to choose less wasteful options.

## 1 CHOOSE REUSABLE

**ESPECIALLY FOR HOT BEVERAGES & FOODS:**  
Durable, reusables are the most ecofriendly option. Coffee cups and other disposable containers that hold hot liquid cannot be recycled.

## 2 PHASE OUT PLASTIC

**OPT FOR WOODEN OR UNCOATED PAPER**  
If using single-use items. Foodware made purely of bamboo, fiber, or paper are more readily accepted in compost/organics programs.

**IN MOST CASES, AVOID BIOPLASTICS**  
Bioplastic items cannot be recycled and are not widely accepted in compost/organics programs.

## 3 AVOID GREENWASHING

**LOOK FOR CERTIFICATIONS**



Third party verification confirms whether materials are compostable under specific conditions. However, follow hauler-specific guidance on what is acceptable in each waste stream.



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