

Dalhousie Food Service Ware Procurement Guidelines Halifax Campuses

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Introduction

Dalhousie seeks to achieve 70% waste diversion by 2020 and reduce the weight of waste created per campus user. Significant waste diversion efforts require the participation of all campus stakeholders.

The best way to reducing packaging waste is to provide and encourage reusable items. This includes offering metal spoons at coffee stations instead of disposable stir sticks, providing ceramic mugs for sit-in coffee, and supporting a reusable container exchange program. The next best choices for dining ware are compostable products and then recyclable products. Chosen items should align with the sorting guidelines of Dalhousie University and the municipality.

With many packaging types on the market, both customers and waste processing facilities have difficulty appropriately sorting food service packaging. These guidelines are intended to communicate the optimal single-use packing items for food services at Dalhousie and provide examples of packaging items that are difficult to sort, not accepted by the municipality's composting or recycling facilities, and/or are garbage and thus should be avoided.

What is Compostable?

Dalhousie University and the Halifax municipality accept compostable material as follows:

- Kitchen paper towel and food napkins
- Paper bags/sleeves
- Paper plates
- Paper food wrapping
- Parchment paper
- Fibre-based or paper compostable food containers

NOT accepted are compostable coffee cups and compostable plastics, including compostable corn-based cutlery.

What is Recyclable?

Dalhousie University and the Halifax municipality accept recyclable material as follows:

- All beverage containers (e.g. for pop, water, juice)
- All plastic containers
- Glass bottles and containers
- Tin, steel, and aluminum cans
- Un-soiled aluminum foil and plates
- Plastic bags/wrap including bread bags, bubble wrap, frozen food bags, plastic wrap

NOT accepted are Styrofoam and non-container plastics, including straws, cutlery, bottle caps, and condiment cups. Dalhousie has worked to eliminate Styrofoam from food service packaging.

Hot Drink Cups and Lids

| Choose | | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
| | Paper cup with plastic lining | Widely available | Goes in the garbage. |
| | Plastic lid | Widely available | Goes in the garbage. |
| | Uncoated paper sleeve | EcoGrip® Cup Sleeves EG-2000 | Goes in the organics bin. |

| Avoid | | | |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
| | Styrofoam cup | | Hard to recycle material; especially dangerous litter item. |
| | Compostable plastic lid | | Can contaminate recycling system; not accepted at municipal composting facilities. |

Cold Drink Cups and Lids

| Choose | | | |
|--------|--|------------------|------------|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
| | Recyclable plastic cup and lid (un-coloured plastic) | Widely available | Recyclable |

| Avoid | | | |
|-------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| | Description | Example Product | |

Compostable plastic
cup and lid

Can contaminate
recycling system; not
accepted at municipal
composting facilities.

Bowls and Lids

Choose

| Description | Example Product | More info |
|---|---|---|
| Fibre bowl | Pactiv Earth Choice 12 oz. Placesetter Preferred™ Bowl (unlined bagasse) MC500120001 | Goes in the organics bin; best suited for serving food that will be consumed in an adjacent seating area. |
| Fibre-based PLA lined soup bowls with fibre-based lid | Pactiv Earth Choice 12 oz. PLA Lined Hot Soup Cup PHSC12ECD with Vented Compostable Hot Soup Lid LMC81216EC | Goes in the organics bin. |

Avoid

| Description | Example Product | More info |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Compostable 188.83 2€ | | |

| Description | Example Product | More info |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Plastic-coated paper plate | Garbage; often mis-sorted as organics. |
| Styrofoam plate | | Hard to recycle material; especially dangerous litter item. |




Containers

| Choose | | |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| Description | Example Product | More info |
| Certified compostable paper or fibre clamshell or folded box | ECO Products Folia™ Renewable & Compostable Take-Out Container | Goes in the organics bin. |
| Certified compostable paper tray | Renewable & Compostable 1lb Food Trays, Kraft, Green Leaf Print Design EP-FT100 | Goes in the organics bin. |
| Clear plastic container | Pactiv Earth Choice Recycled PET Smartlock 16 oz. Clear Hinged Container OCA910160000 | Goes in the recycling bin. |



Cutlery

| Choose | Description | Example Product |
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Bags

| Choose | | | |
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| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Plain paper bag | ULine Flat Handle 100% Recycled Grocery Bag S-20659 | If soiled with food, organics. If clean, paper. |
| Avoid | | | |
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Plastic bag | | Recycling, but hard to capture at recycling plant. Major litter item. |
|  | Compostable plastic bag | | Garbage. Can be easily mis-sorted into the recycling stream. |

Condiment Cup

| Choose | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Fibre-based compostable cup and lid | World Centric 2 oz Plant Fiber Souffle Cup (Unbleached) | Goes in the organics bin. |
|  | Paper cup | Genpak Harvest Paper Portion Cups – 2 oz. | Goes in the organics bin. |

Avoid

| Description | Example Product | More info |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|
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Hot Drink Cups and Lids

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| Description | Example Product | More info |
| Compostable paper cup with PLA lining | ECO Products 12 oz. GreenStripe® Hot Cup EP-BHC12-GS | Goes in the organics bin. |
| Compostable plastic lid | ECO Products 10-20 oz. Renewable & Compostable Hot Cup Lid EP-ECOLID-W | Goes in the organics bin. |

| Avoid | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Styrofoam cup | | Hard to recycle material; especially dangerous litter item. |
|  | Compostable plastic cup and lid | | Can contaminate recycling system. |

Bowls and Lids

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|---|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Compostable plastic soup bowl lids | | Not accepted by municipal facilities. |
|  | Plain plastic-lined soup bowls. | | Often mistaken for organics but should go in the garbage bin. |




Plates

Choose




Description

Example Product

More info

| Avoid | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|---|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Compostable plastic container | | Can contaminate recycling system. |
|  | Styrofoam clamshell | | Hard to recycle material; especially dangerous litter item. |
|  | Plastic lined paper container | HPE-BPRN-3, #3 Natural, HYPAX Bio-Plus Food Container, 8.5"x6.25"x2.5" | Garbage, but often mistaken for a compostable product. Bottom of container (improperly) directs consumer to recycle it. |

Food Wrap

| Choose | | | |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Paper sleeve | Eco-Products Grease Resistant Paper Sleeve - 9 in. EP-PSLV9 | Goes in the organics bin. |
|  | Paper food wrap | | Goes in the organics bin. |
| Avoid | | | |
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Plastic bag/wrap | | Goes in the recycling bin. |

Cellophane


Goes in the garbage
bin.

Straws


Choose



| Description | Example Product | More info |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Paper straw | Green Munch White Paper Straws – 7.75” | Goes in the organic |

Napkins

| Choose | | | |
|---|--|------------------|---------------------------|
| | Description | Example Product | More info |
|  | Compostable or plain, uncoated paper napkins | Widely available | Goes in the organics bin. |

Bags

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Condiment Cup

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| Fibre-based compostable cup and lid | World Centric 2 oz Plant Fiber Souffle Cup (Unbleached) | Goes in the organics |



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