



The Do's & Don'ts of Sustainable Selection



	Yes	No
Cold Cups 7 oz or larger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic labeled with: ♻️ Reusable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam™) Plastic that may be labeled: ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ Plastic look-alike compostable cups
Cold Cups smaller than 7 oz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper (inside lined with plastic) Paper (inside lined with compostable plastic) Paper-like "BPI certified compostable" Reusable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam™) Any plastic (may be labeled: ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️) Plastic look-alike compostable cups
Hot Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper (inside lined with plastic) Paper (inside lined with compostable plastic) Paper-like "BPI certified compostable" Reusable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam™) Paper cup with plastic insulated foam outer layer
Condiment & Sample Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper (inside lined with plastic) Paper (inside lined with compostable plastic) Paper-like "BPI certified compostable" Reusable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam™) Any plastic (may be labeled: ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️) Plastic look-alike compostable cups
Utensils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "BPI certified compostable" Wooden chopsticks / skewers / stir sticks Reusable Go utensil-less with finger foods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any plastic (may be labeled: ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️) Non "BPI certified compostable" plastic
Plates, Bowls, Boats, Clamshells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper (inside lined with plastic) Paper (inside lined with compostable plastic) Paper-like "BPI certified compostable" Reusable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polystyrene (a.k.a. Styrofoam™) Any plastic (may be labeled: ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ ♻️) Plastic look-alike compostable products
Wraps & Food Sheets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper Aluminum foil "BPI certified compostable" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non "BPI certified compostable" plastic

You can select any facility that can recycle or compost the above products in the YES column.
 For more information on "BPI certified compostable" visit: <http://www.bpiworld.org/>



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