

# Guidelines for Tableware at a Low-Waste Event on Bainbridge Island

DO NOT USE compostable plastic cups, clamshells, bowls or portion cups.  
(Our commercial compost facility does not accept compostable plastic.)  
DO NOT USE  plastic (like a red Solo cup). It is not recyclable at our facility.  
DO NOT USE plastic clamshells or plastic portion cups. They cannot be recycled because they are, respectively, coated with food or too small.

## **FOLLOW THESE USER GUIDELINES:**

### **Cold Cups**

1) Recyclable  or  clear plastic cups **OR** 2) Compostable paper\* cups

\*Compostable paper means it MUST be on the Cedar Grove list of acceptable paper products:

<http://www.cedar-grove.com/index.php/accepted-list>.

### **Hot Cups**

Compostable paper\* cups

Incycle cups (check Amazon for smaller quantities, direct for case purchases)

**Tableware** - Compostable paper\* for plates, bowls, deli paper and portion cups.

No compostable plastic.

Note: Instead of portion cups, we encourage dispensing condiments in bulk.

Also, please avoid foil – our recycler does not take it.

**Lids** – Avoid using; they are landfill.

**Straws** – Go without or use paper ones (they are compostable). Any plastic kind is landfill.

**Utensils** – Consider reusables first. (Ask BIZW for lending sources.) Otherwise, wooden ones are compostable (search Amazon Birchware). Any plastic type is landfill.

**Food waste:** Bainbridge Disposal takes any kind of food except shells and cooking grease (see below). Take stickers off of produce before composting.

**Cardboard:** Flatten. Pizza boxes go with compost.

**Plastic film packaging:** Set aside bun bags, ice bags, and other plastic wrap that passes the “push test” (the plastic “stretches” as you push your thumb into it). Bags must be clean and dry, so shake out the crumbs and air out the ice bags. Later, drop them off at the plastic collection box outside the local grocery store.

**Cooking grease and oil** – Now collected at Bainbridge Disposal’s Transfer Station, open Wednesday-Sunday, 10-4.