



What is Compostable?

All Food:

Fruits, Vegetables, Rice, Beans, Pasta, Bread, Cereal, Cheese, Eggshells, Dairy Products

Also: some meat, poultry, seafood and bones (it is best practice for meat scraps to be recycled through a renderer)

Wood scraps and Food-soiled paper:

Waxed cardboard, napkins, paper towels, paper plates and cups, paper milk cartons, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, small wooden crates, sawdust, wood scraps, fiberboard, egg cartons. (Cardboard itself needs to be baled; wet paper, though, can be composted.)

Plants:

Floral trimmings, tree trimmings, leaves, grass, brush, weeds.

Green Plastics:

Any green plastic that has been certified "COMPOSTABLE".

(Beware: some green plastics which claim "Biodegradable" ARE NOT compostable!)

Please go to any of the four certifiers listed below to identify which green plastics are COMPOSTABLE:

US: Biodegradable Plastics Institute
<http://www.bpiworld.org/BPI-Public/Approved.html>

European Union: DIN Certco Certification
<http://www.din-certco.de/index.php?lang=en>

Brussels: Vincotte International nv/sa
<http://www.aib-vincotte.com>

Japan: Biodegradable Plastics Society of Japan
http://www.bpsweb.net/02_english/03_new_e/what_g/what.htm

NOT COMPOSTABLE:

Any hydrocarbon plastic (#1 - #6), styrofoam, plastic straws, plastic wrap or bags or gloves; aluminum foil; glass; any metal: cans, bottle tops; any paper lined with plastic including 'drink boxes' or aseptic packaging; liquids; any chemical, or hazardous waste, or container that once held chemicals