

Cayuga Compost News

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Contamination!

Contamination is one of the biggest challenges we, Cayuga Compost and you the generators face. We thought we would take a minute to explain a few things.

There are lots of products on the market that seem as though they are compostable, carrying terms such as Biodegradable or Degradable.

Unfortunately Biodegradable and Degradable do not mean Compostable. The product must be stamped Compostable. It can be stamped both Biodegradable and Compostable but it must say Compostable.

Typical products that confuse many are "compostable utensils" yes there are lots of compostable cutlery items available but only some of them are actually compostable.

Some local supplier's may be Mainesource Food & Party Warehouse, Staples and B&W Supply. To find other approved suppliers please visit our website at: <http://cayugacompost.com/compost/composting-guidelines/> for a full list.

It will also be helpful to look for these symbols on your products. Both these symbols indicated that the product is 100% compostable.



Contamination items we commonly see are.

- Rubber Gloves
- Straws
- Cartons for Milk, Juice, Heavy Cream etc.
- Plastic to go containers
- Plastic Silverware
- Plastic fast food cups
- Plastic portion cups for things like pudding.
- Plastic Bags
- Chip Bags

These items are not compostable and we cannot accept them.



In the tote above we have milk cartons, mustard & Ketchup packets and a variety of other plastics.

The list of non compostable's is small it consists of only 6 things Metal, Glass, Plastic, Styrofoam and Biodegradable or degradable products.

Help us keep our prices fair and take the few extra minutes to sort out your waste into the appropriate receptacles.

See definitions for further explanation on Biodegradables and Degradables.

Definitions for further explanation

Degradables: These products will break into smaller pieces until they cannot be distinguished from soil. These products can be broken down by sunlight, temperature, or water. There is no requirement that they can be consumed by microorganisms. There is no requirement that the result of this degradation be free of toxic residue.

Biodegradable: Biodegradable products will degrade due to naturally occurring microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi over a period of time. There is the possibility of a toxic residue as a result of the degrading process because of the materials used in manufacturing the original product.

Biocompostable: products degrade in the same way however, there cannot be any toxic residue as a result.

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