

# WASTE REDUCTION in the FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY

**REDUCE, REUSE & RETHINK!** When possible, reduce packaging and avoid offering single-use products. *Reusable choices* are your best option, however, for situations where you need to distribute single-use items, please make every effort to choose products that can be given another purpose through recycling or composting. *Here's a quick and easy sorting guide to assist you.*

## CHOOSE ...

### COMPOSTABLES:

- Bamboo & wooden cutlery
- Paper beverage cups
- Paper serving dishes
- Paper straws
- Serviettes
- Wax & parchment paper



### RECYCLABLES:

- Plastic items ♻️-♻️
- Aluminum trays & foilwrap
- Corrugated cardboard
- Beverage take-out tray
- Paper bags



## TRY TO AVOID ...

### WASTE:

- Biodegradable & compostable plastics
- Styrofoam cups/dishes/clamshells
- Plastic products with ♻️6, ♻️7 OR no number
  - Plastic cutlery
  - Plastic straws
  - Condiment packages
  - Disposable wipes



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### \*\*IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT BIODEGRADABLE ITEMS

On PEI products that are labeled 'biodegradable' are **WASTE** as are all items labeled 'compostable' which have a plastic appearance. The 'plastic appearance' makes it very difficult to distinguish these from regular plastics or non-certified compostable plastics, therefore they must be considered waste. *The only exceptions to this are:*

1. Plastic 'film' compostable bags with one of these certification logos:



2. Items clearly made from paper/pulp fiber or wood/bamboo.

Contact IWMC for more information.



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