

ATTENTION!

NOT ALL items labelled **BIODEGRADABLE** or **COMPOSTABLE** go into the **COMPOST** cart!



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Many compostable and biodegradable products on the market today look a lot like products that would normally be waste or recyclable. For example, a shiny, white compostable utensil looks almost identical to a shiny, white plastic disposable utensil. We call these products 'Look-Alikes'.

IS THIS A PROBLEM?

YES! These look-alike items (e.g. the utensil mentioned above, or perhaps a bag with the word 'biodegradeable' on it) create challenges for drivers when emptying carts because it is impossible to distinguish them from similar looking products that do not belong in the compost stream. When non-compostable products are collected, processing issues at the compost facility are created.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Attention to sorting is important! Be familiar with the information below and do your part to ensure only acceptable products are sorted into the compost, waste and recycling streams. If you require assistance, reach out and contact IWMC.



PLASTIC-LOOKING Compostable/Biodegradable Products

The **ONLY** "plastic-looking" items allowed in **COMPOST** are certified 'film' compostable bags which are stamped with one of the following logos:



DO NOT PLACE ANY OTHER PLASTIC-LOOKING PRODUCT IN COMPOST!



Other **LOOK-ALIKE** Products

Other "look-alike" products which are labelled compostable, biodegradable, eco-friendly, etc. may not necessarily be compostable. **WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT!**

SORTING EXAMPLES FOR COMMON BIODEGRADABLE & COMPOSTABLE LOOK-ALIKE ITEMS

COMPOST	WASTE	RECYCLABLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bags with one of the above logos ● Doggie 'doo' bags labelled with one of the above logos ● Wooden/bamboo cutlery & serving dishes ● Paper/fibre cups, plates, bowls ● 100% wheat bran serving dishes ● Soiled paper bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biodegradable, compostable, eco-friendly, or green bags <u>WITHOUT</u> one of the above logos ● Plastic bags without a recycling symbol ♻️ ● Plastic-looking cutlery, plates, cups, bowls, etc. ● Cloth-looking items such as Klinn cleaning clothes, wipes, beeswax wraps ● Styrofoam-looking packaging peanuts ● Compostable coffee pods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean paper bags (<i>bundled with cardboard or in Blue Bag #1</i>) <p>NOTE: Do not place items that are labelled COMPOSTABLE, BIODEGRADABLE or ECO-FRIENDLY in your blue bags as this contaminates the recycling stream.</p>