



Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Ground Country Fair

Compostable Dinnerware at the Common Ground Country Fair

MOFGA **requires** food vendors to use compostable dinnerware (plates, bowls, cups and cutlery, etc.) at the Fair.

As of 2016, we are requiring vendors to use approved compostable-ware. Please see the attached spreadsheet for a list of approved items.

This sheet is designed to avoid confusion over the hundreds, if not thousands of products available that make various claims regarding compostability by limiting vendors to pre-screened options. It is fairly comprehensive in scope of product types, however it is not exhaustive of all the products that would meet our standards. We did our best to find reasonably priced options, and as demand grows for compostable dinnerware, these prices should continue to decrease.

With your help, we hope to improve both the vendor and fairgoer experiences by further streamlining the Compost and Recycling collection and sorting processes. This is why **we strongly encourage vendors to choose approved alternatives to PLA** or “Bio-Plastics” from the attached list. There are now a number of cost-competitive sugarcane, wheat straw, paper, wood, and bamboo options for dinnerware. These are much less resource intensive, more ecologically sound, and are significantly easier to sort and compost. Options that contain PLA are noted on the resource sheet. Hot cups are the only item where we lack a strong alternative to products lined with PLA.

While we listed at least one website next to each approved item, most are widely available online, and may be available through your local distributor. We encourage you to speak with your usual distributor about sourcing approved products, and continue supporting Maine-based businesses whenever possible. If you are interested in participating in a bulk order please email commongroundfoodarea@mofga.org.

If you would like more information on why PLA is not as environmentally sound an alternative to plastics as the compostables presented, this article from Grist is a great place to start.

<http://grist.org/living/which-disposable-utensils-are-lightest-on-the-land/>

We thank you again for committing to Common Ground’s guidelines, which strive to promote responsible and environmentally friendly decision-making. If you have questions about these requirements, or hold-over dinnerware you would like reviewed please contact the Common Ground Country Fair Office. Thanks!

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Category	Sustainability Ranking (1 being best)	Product Name	Brand	Product Number	Details/Description	Sizes Available	Cost	Retailers/Distributors (This is just a place to start, many distributors carry some of these products and they may be available locally.)
Cold Cup	2	Bare Cup - Wax versions only	Dart Solo	Bare: 12oz -R12BB-JD110 16oz- RW16BB-JD110 22oz- RS22BB-JD110	Rigid, wax-coated paper, Tightly rolled rim, good for cold beverages and smoothies	3 oz-22 oz	~.05-.08/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Cold Cup	2	Jazz Cup - Wax versions only	Dart Solo	Jazz: 12oz -R12N-00055 16oz - RW16-00055 22oz - RS22N-00055	See Above	3 oz-22 oz	~.05-.08/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Cold Cup	2	Symphony Cup - Wax versions only	Dart Solo	Symphony: 12oz- R12N-J8000 16oz- RW16-J8000 22oz- RS22N-J8000	See Above	3 oz-22 oz	~.05-.08/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Hot Cup	1	Sugarcane Cup	Packwood	210GPU8	Sugarcane Fiber, freezer & hot liquid safe. Liner Free. Note: the cup edge is not rolled	8 oz	~ 0.13/ea	http://www.packwood.com
Hot Cup	2	FSC Certified (Green stripe design with "Certified Compostable")	World Centric	CU-PA-4, CU-PA-6, CU-PA-10, CU-PA-12, CU-PA-16, CU-PA-20	Paper with liner, hot foods up to 220°, microwave and freezer safe, FSC certified paper	4 oz-20 oz - Note: Contains a PLA Ingeo lining	~.05-.13/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Hot Cup	3	Kraft Paper(Green stripe design with "Certified Compostable")	World Centric	CU-PA-8-K, CU-PA-10-K, CU-PA-12-K, CURT-PA-12, CU-PA-16-K, CU-PA-20-K	Paper with liner, hot foods up to 220°, microwave and freezer safe, pursuing FSC certification	8oz-20 oz - Note: Contains a PLA Ingeo lining	.08-.13/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Hot Cup	4	Carte Blanc Or classic leaf design hot cups	Ecotanier	all Carte Blanc and leaf design	Paper with liner, SFI certified paper (generally considered less rigorous than FSC forest management standards)	4 oz-20 oz - Note: Contains a PLA Ingeo lining	.12-.30/ea	http://letsgogreen.biz
Hot Cup Lid	5	Compostable CPLA Lids for 10- 20 oz sizes Kraft Paper World Centric Cups	World Centric	CUL-CS-12	Made from Ingeo - Please consider asking customers whether they need a lid.-	1 size for 10 oz-20 oz Note: Contains PLA	~.07/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Hot Cup Lid	5	Compostable White Lid for all 10- 20 oz. Ecotainer Cups	Ecotainer	Compostable white lid ONLY (ecotainers black lids are not compostable)	Made from Ingeo - Please consider asking customers whether they need a lid.-	1 size for 10 oz-20 oz Note: Contains PLA	~.12	http://letsgogreen.biz
Soup Cup	1	Collezione Pulpa Bagasse Soup Cup	Collezione Pulpa	RWA0180 & lid	Sugarcane fiber cup	15 oz	~.24/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com

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Soup Cup	1	Sugarcane Container	Packwood	210GPU350, 210GPU500	Sugarcane fiber, freezer safe and still holds hot liquids.	12 oz, 16 oz	~0.15/ea (16 oz size)	http://www.packwood.com
Soup Cup	1	World Centric Fiber Bowls and lids (fiber lids)	World Centric	BO-SC-U6, BB-SC-U8, BO-SC-U11, BB-SC-U16	Bagasse (sugarcane) and Wheatstraw, Microwave and freezer safe, hot liquids up to 220 and cold items (moisture forms at the bottom for hot food items)	6 oz, 8 oz, 11.5 oz, 12 oz, 16 oz (24 oz and 32 oz may be available)	~.04-.10/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Plate	1	Palm Leaf Plate	Eco-Gecko	Square, round, rectangular, heart shaped	Palm Leaf, Less heavy than Bambu's plates, but a lower price point	4"-10"	~.17-.33/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Plate	1	Palm Leaf Plate - Palm Leaf Collection	Packwood	210BBA25, 210BBA1717, 210BBA2424	Palm Leaf, thick and durable according to mfrg, microwavable	10", 6.3",	~.26-.56/ea	http://www.packwood.com
Plate	2	All Occasion Veneerware® Bamboo Plates	Bambu	All Bambu veneerware	Bamboo, Chemical- and pesticide-free; no bleaches or dyes	5"-11" Square Plates; 7"-11" Round Plates	~.66-1.20/ea	http://www.bambuhome.com , http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Plate	3	"Eco-Design" Plate series	Packwood	210ECOD138, 210ECOD2613, 210ECOD1313, 210ECOD1713	Sugarcane, leak and grease proof, freezer and microwave safe	smallest: 5.12 x 3.35 in. largest: 10.24 x 5.12 in.	~.07-.26	http://www.packwood.com
Plate	3	Fiber Plates (unbleached)	World Centric	Many	Wheatstraw, Microwave and freezer safe, hot and cold items	6"-10", platters and compartment plates	~.07-.14/ea	http://worldcentric.org/
Plate	3	Sugarcane Plates, Wheatstraw Plates & Dahlia Plates	Eco-Products	Square Plates - EP-P021, EP-P022, EP-P023, EP-P024 Round/oval/stylized Plates: EP-P016, EP-P013, EP-P093, EP-P005, EP-P007, EP-P009, EP-P011, EP-PBS6, EP-PBS9 Wheatstraw Plates: EP-PW6, EP-PW9, EP-PW10, EP-PW103	Round, Square, Oval, Compartment, and Stylized Plates. All made from sugarcane, wheatstraw, or sugarcane and bamboo blend.	6"-10"	varies widely based on size and plate style. 10" are ~.15-.32/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Plate	4	Classic White Plates, Huhtamaki Plates	Chinet		Classic white plates, 100% recycled paper	6"-10" & platters	~.15/ea	Many retailers
Bowl	1	Round Palmleaf bowl, Square Palmleaf bowl	Eco-Gecko		Palm, Safe for hot foods	4", 5", 7"	~.15-.23/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com

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Bowl	2	Eco-Design series & Bio-n-chic series	Packnwood	210APUSCB750, 210BCHIC750 , 210BCHIC1000	Sugarcane, leak and grease proof, freezer and microwave safe	Eco Design - 7.7" Bio n chic - 24 oz, 32 oz,	~.23-.52/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Bowl	2	Sugarcane Bowl	Packnwood	210APUB13, 210APUB50, 210APUB16, 210APUB2400	Sugarcane, Freezer and hot food safe	12 oz, 16 oz, 50 oz, 82 oz	~.13-.57/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Bowl	2	Sugarcane Bowls & Dahlia Bowls NOTE SOAK-PROOF BOWLS ARE NOT PERMITTED-	Eco-Products	Sugarcane: EP-BL6, EP-BL12, EP-BL16, EP-BL16-N, EP-BL20, EP-BL24, EP-BL32, EP-BL40, EP-BL64, EP-BL80, EP-BL160, EP-BL24-C, EP-BL32-C, EP-BL46-C, EP-BLBS12	Sugarcane or sugarcane & bamboo. Noodle bowls, classic bowls, coupe bowls, serving bowls and stylized bowls. Grease and cut resistant Freezer safe	6 oz-160oz NOTE SOAK-PROOF BOWLS ARE NOT PERMITTED-	varies widely based on size and bowl style. 16 oz ~.12-.25 ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Bowl	2	Sugarcane/Bagasse Bowls, Ovation Bowls	Green Wave	395OVBL12, 395OVBL08, 395TWBLO006, 999OVBL12, 999TWBLO006, 999OVBL08	Sugarcane and wheat fiber, microwavable, can withstand oil heated to 302 deg, water heated to 212 deg	8 oz, 12 oz, 16 oz	~.03-.07/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Bowl	3	Classic White Bowls, Huhtamaki Bowls	Chinet		Classic white bowls, 100% recycled paper	16 oz	~.07-.15/ea	Many retailers
Portion/Sample Cup	1	Square Palm Dish	Packnwood	210BBB671	Palm, Leak proof and microwavable	2.5"	~0.32	http://www.packnwood.com
Portion/Sample Cup	2	Bamboo Leaf Ramekin Bowl	Packnwood	210BBOUBOL	Bamboo leaf, Cold or hot food	2 oz	~.44/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Portion/Sample Cup	3	Plant Fiber Souffle Cup (&lids)	World Centric	CU-SC-U2 (lid: CUL-SC-2,) CU-SC-U4 (lid: CUL-SC-U4)	Wheatstraw, Microwave and freezer safe, hot and cold foods	2 oz, 4oz &lids	~.02-.05/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Portion/Sample Cup	3	Sugarcane Portion Cups & Lids	Eco-Products	EP-SPC2 (2 oz cup,) EP-SPCLID2 (2oz lid,) EP-SPC4 (4oz cup,) EP-SPCLID4 (4 oz lid)	Sugarcane, hot or cold foods, Grease and cut resistant, Freezer safe.	2oz cup, 2oz lid, 4oz cup, 4oz lid	~.04-.07/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Portion/Sample Cup	3	Sugarcane souffle cup, mini sugarcane cup, Sm sugarcane portion cup	Packnwood	210GPU7, 210GPU140, 210APU7 - also designer series (210BCHICEGG, 210MBWAVE, 210BCHICDROP)	Sugarcane, leak and grease proof, also holds hot and cold food.	2 oz, 4.7 oz, 1.1 oz	~.04-.10/ea	http://www.packnwood.com

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Clam shell	1	Biodegradable, Compostable Sugarcane Takeout Container	EcoChoice	Many sizes offered	Sugarcane, Microwave safe, oil proof	Many	Varies widely based on size	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Clam shell	1	Collezione Pulpa Bagasse Clamshell	Collezione Pulpa	Many sizes offered	Sugarcane heavy duty clamshells	Many, including divided section clamshells	~.39-.59/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com
Clam shell	1	Folia OR Clamshell line (NOT 'Soakproof Clamshells')	Eco-Products	Clamshells: EP-HC6, EP-HC81, EP-HC91, EP-HC137, EP-B002, EP-HC93, EP-HC83, EP-HC96, EP-HCW91, EP-HCW93, EP-HCW96, EP-HCW81 Folia: EP-FSC12, EP-FSC22, EP-FSC35, EP-FSC53, EP-FSC58, EP-FSC84	Sugarcane or wheatstraw, grease and cut resistant, Freezer safe (see individual products for details) NOTE: SOAKPROOF CLAMSHELLS ARE NOT APPROVED	Many	Folia ~.14-.64/ea Clamshell: ~.17-.30/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Clam shell	2	Take out Box and Take Out Container	Green Wave	OV-B099, TW-BOO-018	Sugarcane & wheat fiber, microwavable, oil safe to 302 deg, and water up to 212 deg	9"x9", 9"x12"	~.17-.27/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Clam shell	3	Bare	Dart Solo	HC6SC-2050, HC9SC, HC9CSC-2050	Sugarcane, microwavable	6", 9", and 9" with compartments	~.12-.27/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Boat	1	Bamboo leaf Boat	Restaurant Ware	RWB0105, RWB0106, RWB0167	Bamboo leaf boat	5.25", 7.25", 8"	~.22-.29/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com
Boat	1	Bamboo Leaf boat	Packwood	210BJQ7, 210BJQ8, 210BJQ9, 210BJQ12, 210BJQ22,	Bamboo leaf boat	3"-7.8"	~.12-.26/ea	http://www.packwood.com
Boat	2	1lb. & 2lb. Eco-Products Printed Food & Renewable	Eco-Products	EP-FT2-W	Sugarcane, grease and cut resistant, Freezer safe	1lb & 2lb Boat	~.05/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Boat	3	Pine boat	Restaurant Ware	RWB0155, RWB0176, RWB0156, RWB0157	Shaved Pinewood Boat	3.25", 5", 6", 8"	~.17-.24/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com
Boat	3	Pine boat	Packwood	210BBOIS11, 210BBOIS145, 210BBOIS17, 210BBOIS22, 210BBOIS31	Shaved wooden boat	4.1"-12.5"	~.08-.31/ea	http://www.packwood.com

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Cone/ Fry Scoop	1	Compostable French Fry Scoop	Eco-Products	EP-FFLRG	Sugarcane, grease and cut resistant, Freezer safe	Fry Scoop	~ .15/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Cone/ Fry Scoop	2	Brown Wrap Cup	Packwood	210GSP49BR	Paper, grease resistant, microwavable	The Wrap Fry Cup measures 4.72 x 3.7 x 2.1	~.11/ea	http://www.packwood.com
Straw	1	Aardvark Paper Straws	Aardvark	Any paper straw, including eco-flex are approved	Paper & beeswax, The only USA made paper straw in a variety of sizes, colors and styles	Many	Plain 7.75" staws ~.04/ea	http://www.aardvarkstraws.com
Straw	2	Paper Straws	Packwood	All packwood straws	Paper & beeswax, straws in a variety of colors and patterns	5.7" or 8.3"	~.03/ea	http://www.packwood.com
Utensils	1	All Occasion Veneerware® Utensils	Bambu	#61500 (cs/forks) #061700 (cs/knives) #061600 (cs/spoons) #062100(cs/spork)	Bamboo, Chemical- and pesticide-free; no bleaches or dyes	Forks, spoons, knives, sporks	~.28/ea	http://www.bambuhome.com
Utensils	2	Wooden cutlery	Verterra	All wooden Verterra Utensils	Wood with a thin wax coating.	Forks, spoons, knives	~.09/ea	http://www.verterra.com/collections/types?q=Wooden%20Cutlery
Utensils	2	Wooden cutlery	Packwood	All unwrapped wooden cutlery	Wood, Cold and hot safe, affordable wooden option	Forks, spoons, knives, sporks	~.05-.09/ea	http://www.packwood.com
Utensils	2	Wooden cutlery	Eco-Gecko	All unwrapped wooden cutlery	Wood, Cold and hot safe, affordable wooden option	Forks, spoons, knives, sporks	~.03-.04/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Utensils	3	"Plantware Cutlery" High-Heat	Eco-Products	EP-S017, EP-S012, EP-S013, EP-S014, EP-S011, EP-S015, & all colored variations. NOTE Eco-products "Plant Starch Cutlery" line is NOT PERMITTED	PLA Based. From the mfrg "Handles are now 95% stronger and fork tines are 20% stronger...Heat tolerance of 200° F"	6" & 7" fork, 6" spoon, 6" soup spoon, 6" knife, 6" kit	~.06/ea Note: Contains PLA	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Utensils	4	Biodegradable Cornstarch Utensils	Webstaurant (unbranded)	130BDGTSP MED, 130BDGFORK MED, 395TWFOO001, 130BDGSOUP MED, 395TWKOO001, 999TWFOO001, 395TWSOO001, 130BDGSPORK MED, 130BDGKNIFE MED, 999TWKOO001, 999TWSOO001,	PLA based. Can withstand temperatures from -4 to 248 degrees Fahrenheit	Forks, spoons, knives, sporks	~.01-.03/ea Note: Contains PLA	http://www.webstaurantstore.com

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Utensils	4	Cornstrach (PLA) Cutlery	Packnwood	All unwrapped PLA cutlery	PLA based. For foods under 115 F	Forks, spoons, knives, sporks	~.08/ea Note: Contains PLA	http://www.packnwood.com
Tasting Utensils	1	Ecotensils	Ecotensil	ONLY "Green Dot" utensils (Ecotaster Mini and Ecotaster Mid"	Paper, Small folding paper tasting spoons	Tasting spoon	~.01/ea	http://shop.ecotensil.com
Tasting Utensils	2	Mini wooden spoon, wooden cocktail fork, ice cream spoon	Packnwood	210CCB11, 210PIQFB, 210BICE	Wooden, tasting spook and fork	4.3" tasting spoon, 3.35" fork, 3.74" ice cream spoon	~.02 -.03/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Tasting Utensils	2	Taster Spoon	Eco-Gecko	UPC 400010812134	Wooden, tasting spoon	3.75" spoon	~.01-.03/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Tasting Utensils	3	"Plantware Cutlery" High-Heat	Eco-Products	EP-S016 NOTE Eco-products "Plant Starch Cutlery" line is NOT PERMITTED	Heat tolerance of 200° F	3" tasting spoon	~.03/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Pizza Box	1	The Green Box	Eco Inc.	245CPB12ECO, 245CPB16ECO, 245CPB14ECO, 245CPB10ECO, 245CPB18ECO	Corrugated 100% Recycled cardboard, Pizza Box with Built-In Plates and Storage Container - eliminates the need for plates with each full pizza order	Various sizes 10"x10" up to 18"x18"	~.20-.45/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com
Pizza Box	2	Kraft Corrugated Pizza Box	Webstaurant (unbranded)	245CPB16GRN, 245CPB14 PRINT, 245CPB10 PRINT, 245CPB18 PRINT, 245CPB20 PRINT,	Corrugated 100% recycled pizza boxes	Various sizes 10"x10" up to 20"x20"	~.18-.62/ea	http://www.webstaurantstore.com