



Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Ground Country Fair

Compostable Dinnerware at the Common Ground Country Fair

MOFGA **requires** all food vendors to use compostable dinnerware (plates, bowls, cups and cutlery, etc.) at the Fair. **See the attached spreadsheet for the list of approved compostable items and sources.**

We have transitioned away from PLA utensils and they will not be allowed in 2022. Resources for wooden and other alternative utensils are included.

This list 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. 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. This is why **we are in the process of transitioning all dinnerware to alternatives without PLA** or “Bio-Plastics” in the attached list.

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, please contact the Common Ground Country Fair Office. Thanks!

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-.10/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.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-.11/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.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-.11/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.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-6-P, CU-PA-10-P, CU-PA-12-P, CU-PA-16-P, CU-PA-20-P	Paper with liner, hot foods up to 220°, microwave and freezer safe, FSC certified paper	6 oz-20 oz - Note: Contains a PLA Ingeo lining	~.09-.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, 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	.11-.17/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Hot Cup	4	Carte Blanc, classic leaf design and Evolution World Recycled-Fiber hot cups	Ecotainer and Evolution World Recycled-Fiber	all Carte Blanc and leaf design are on close out; Evolution World Recycled-Fiber is a substitute	Paper with liner, SFI certified paper (generally considered less rigorous than FSC forest management standards); Evolution World Recycled-Fiber hot cups are made with 24% post-consumer recycled fiber (office paper most commonly) and certified by FDA for food service use.	4 oz-20 oz - Note: Contains a PLA Ingeo lining	.12-.30/ea	http://letsogreen.biz
Hot Cup Lid	1	LID Fiber - for Hot Cups	World Centric	CUL-FB-8-LF, CUL-FB-12-LF	Fiber cup lids are made from bamboo and unbleached plant fiber and contain no added PFAS.	1 for 8 oz size and 1 size for 10 oz-20 oz	~.07-.09/ea	http://worldcentric.org
Hot Cup Lid	5	Ecolid - Compostable White Lid for all 10-20 oz. Ecotainer Cups and one for 8 oz	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 8 oz and 1 size for 10 oz-20 oz Note: Contains PLA	~.10-.17/ea	http://letsogreen.biz
Soup Cup	1	Collezione Pulpa Bagasse Soup Cup	Collezione Pulpa	RWA0180 & lid	Sugarcane fiber cup	15 oz	~.27/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com
Soup Cup	1	Sugarcane Container	Packwood	210GPU350, 210GPU500	Sugarcane fiber, freezer safe and still holds hot liquids.	12 oz, 16 oz	~0.14-16/ea	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)	~.09-.17/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"	~.20-.36/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.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"	~.36-.47/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	~.55-1.50/ea	http://www.bambuhome.com , http://www.webrestaurantstore.com
Plate	3	"Eco-Design" Plate series	Packwood	210ECOD140, 210ECOD2614, 210ECOD1414, 210ECOD1814	Sugarcane, leak and grease proof, freezer and microwave safe	smallest: 5.12 x 3.35 in. largest: 10.24 x 5.12 in.	~.11-.28/ea	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-.17/ea	http://worldcentric.org/
Plate	3	Sugarcane Plates	Eco-Products	Square Plates - EP-P021, EP-P022, EP-P023; Rectangular - EP-P024; Round/Oval/Stylized Plates: EP-P016, EP-P013, EP-P093, EP-P005, EP-P007, EP-P009, EP-P011	Round, Square, Oval, Compartment, and Stylized Plates. All made from sugarcane.	6"-10"	varies widely based on size and plate style -.09-.22/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	Eco-gecko sustainable palm leaf bowls	Palm, Safe for hot foods	4", 5"	~.19-.27/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.com
Bowl	2	Eco-Design series & Bio-n-chic series	Packwood	210APUSCB750, 210BCHIC750, 210BCHIC1000	Sugarcane, leak and grease proof, freezer and microwave safe	Eco Design - 7.7" Bio n chic - 24 oz, 32 oz,	~.20-.52/ea	http://www.packwood.com

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Bowl	2	Sugarcane Bowl	Packnwood	210APUB13, 210APUB50, 210APUB16, 210APUB2400	Sugarcane, Freezer and hot food safe	12 oz, 16 oz, 50 oz, 82 oz	~.16-.67/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Bowl	2	Sugarcane 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-BLS12	Sugarcane - 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: ~.12/ea (6 oz) - 1.42/ea (160 oz)	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Bowl	2	Sugarcane/Bagasse Bowls	EcoChoice	395RBL12, 395RB08, 395RB16	Sugarcane and wheat fiber, microwavable, can withstand oil heated to 302 deg, water heated to 212 deg	8 oz, 12 oz, 16 oz	~.04-.06/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.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"	~0.31	http://www.packnwood.com
Portion/Sample Cup	2	Bamboo Leaf Ramekin Bowl	Packnwood	210BBOUBOL	Bamboo leaf, Cold or hot food	2 oz	~.42/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Portion/Sample Cup	3	Plant Fiber Souffle Cup (&lids)	World Centric	CU-SC-U2 (lid: CUL-SC-2-LF) CU-SC-U4 (lid: CUL-SC-4-LF)	Wheatstraw, Microwave and freezer safe, hot and cold foods	2 oz, 4oz & lids	~.04-.08/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-.09/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.	1.1 oz, 1.5 oz, 2 oz, 3.5"x2" dish, 4.1"x1.9" dish	~.06-.33/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
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.webrestaurantstore.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 Sugarcane Clamshell line (NOT 'Soakproof Clamshells')	Eco-Products	Sugarcane Clamshells: EP-HC6, EP-HC81, EP-HC91, EP-B002, EP-HC93, EP-HC83, EP-HC96; Folia Clamshells: EP-FSC22, EP-FSC35, EP-FSC58, EP-FSC84	Sugarcane, grease and cut resistant, freezer safe (see individual products for details) NOTE: SOAKPROOF CLAMSHELLS ARE NOT APPROVED	Many	Folia ~.40-.72/ea; Clamshell: ~.22-.92/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Clam shell	3	Bare by Solo Eco Forward	Bare by Solo	HC6SC-2050, HC8SC-2050, HC9SC, HC9CSC-2050	Sugarcane / Bagasse, microwavable; soak-through resistance	6", 8" 9", and 9" with compartments	~.11-.26/ea	http://www.webrestaurantstore.com
Boat	1	Bamboo leaf Boat	Restaurant Ware	RWB0105, RWB0106, RWB0167	Bamboo leaf boat	5.25", 7.25", 8"	~.27-.42/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com
Boat	1	Bamboo Leaf boat	Packnwood	210BJQ7, 210BJQ8, 210BJQ9, 210BJQ12, 210BJQ22,	Bamboo leaf boat	3"-8"	~.13-.35/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Boat	3	Pine boat	Restaurant Ware	RWB0155, RWB0176, RWB0156, RWB0157	Shaved Pinewood Boat	3.25", 5", 6", 8"	~.19-.28/ea	http://www.restaurantware.com
Boat	3	Pine boat	Packnwood	210BBOIS41, 210BBOIS71, 210BBOIS12, 210BBOIS146, 210BBOIS18, 210BBOIS23, 210BBOIS32	Shaved wooden boat	1.38"-12.5"	~.07-.45/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Cone / Fry Scoop	1	Compostable French Fry Scoop	Eco-Products	EP-FFLRG	Sugarcane, grease and cut resistant, Freezer safe	5.5 oz	~.17/ea	http://www.ecoproductsstore.com
Cone/ Fry Scoop	2	Brown Wrap Cup	Packnwood	210GSP49BR	Paper, grease resistant, microwavable	The Wrap Fry Cup measures 4.72 x 3.7 x 2.1	~.15/ea	http://www.packnwood.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" straws ~.05/ea	http://www.aardvarkstraws.com
Straw	2	Paper Straws	Packnwood	All packnwood straws	Paper & beeswax, straws in a variety of colors and patterns	5.7", 7.75", 10.25"	~.03-.07/ea	http://www.packnwood.com
Utensils	1	All Occasion Veneerware® Bamboo 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	~.26/ea	http://www.bambuhome.com
Utensils	1	Wooden cutlery	Ecowareproducts	All wooden utensils	Birchwood utensils	Forks, spoons, knives	.04/ea	http://www.ecowareproducts.com/biodegradable-wooden-cutlery.html
Utensils	1	Wooden cutlery	Good Start Packaging	All wooden utensils	Birchwood utensils	Forks, Spoons, Kinves	.05/ea	https://www.goodstartpackaging.com/wooden-fork-6-2-2-000-count/

