

# Composting Food Packaging at Events (CPFE) Approved Packaging Manual

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Council's Events & Arts Team implement the Composting Food Packaging at Events (CFPE) initiative to enable event organisers in Christchurch to deliver a sustainable waste system, minimising waste at events and maximising diversion from landfill. We are currently achieving, and aiming to maintain, an average of 75% diversion for all events participating.

As the name indicates, the focus is on food packaging because at public events most of the waste comes from food packaging or single-use items. At a CFPE event, we have the three waste streams available for the public to use - green for organics, yellow for recycling and red for landfill. All food at the event will be served in Council approved compostable packaging so that the food scraps and packaging can all go into the green bin and be composted at the local organics facility in Christchurch. At some events, we'll also have bin ambassadors at the bin stations to guide and educate the public on which bin the item goes into.

Behind the scenes, all waste produced at the event (from all waste streams) is hand-sorted by a team of trained staff or volunteers to eliminate the risk of contamination within compost and recycling streams and maximise the amount of waste diverted away from landfill.

Council's role is to lead the CFPE project, ensure consistency, and make improvements to the system along the way. We hold the relationship with the waste facilities, manage approvals of new packaging products, train food vendors, and publicise the initiative within the events industry.

# Composting Food Packaging at Events

## Guidelines for Food Vendors

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As a condition to your approval as a Food Vendor for the Event you have agreed to participate in the Composting Food Packaging at Events which is being run by the Christchurch City Council.

Guidelines for you to follow are outlined below:

For this Event you must only purchase, and use approved compostable food packaging listed in this manual.

- Please note you may be required to cease trading at the request of Event staff if you fail to use approved compostable food packaging products. A complete list of approved food packaging products is included in this manual.
- You can buy these products from many selected distributors in the city but please ensure they are the correct approved products by checking the reference codes shown in this manual.
- You can use any serviettes.
- You can use any wooden/bamboo cutlery and chopsticks (no plastic wrapping and no bioplastic/PLA cutlery is permitted).
- You can use any paper bags (non-waxed / non-water resistant).
- You can use any bioplastic/PLA coffee cups and lids, but you will be encouraged to use the approved compostable cup range and in the long-term this may become a requirement.
- You can only use cardboard or paper straws (no bioplastic/PLA/plastic).
- You can have custom designs printed on packaging using black ink only – coloured inks on food packaging is not permitted.
- Other bioplastic/PLA products are limited on a case-by-case basis. Please discuss with us before purchasing.
- Plastic wrapped items will not be permitted.
- Please ensure you bring product boxes and your receipt with you onsite for auditing.

If you have any queries please contact us by emailing [eventvendors@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:eventvendors@ccc.govt.nz). We are more than happy to talk you through the process and help you find the approved products that are right for you.

We're excited to have you involved with the initiative!

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## What is PLA?

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Most disposable food packaging in the market which is labelled as “compostable” often has a thin lining, which acts as a waterproof coating and is made of a material known as “bioplastic”. One particular bioplastic commonly used and made from corn starch is called PLA (poly-lactide acid). Although PLA bioplastics are certified as commercially compostable to multiple international standards, there are still issues with composting them in facilities which produce certified organic compost in New Zealand. PLA bioplastics currently lack the ability to attain the local certification that is required by the commercial composting facility in Christchurch used for CFPE events.

Key points to note about PLA:

- Contaminates normal recycling
- Requires a special environment to compost
- Not accepted in organic compost facilities in Christchurch
- Must be disposed of in general waste bins

If you plan to use PLA products at a CFPE event you will need approval from the CFPE representative. If you have approval to use it, then please ensure the product has the PLA symbol or specifically says it is made from plant-based materials.

We are now **pleased to offer a Council-approved cup which does not contain plastic or bioplastic**, suitable for food and drink that can be processed at the commercial composting facility in Christchurch. Please see Glopac NZ products in this manual.

It is always great to encourage and reward your customers that bring their own reusable cups!



# Composting Food Packaging at Events

## Terms and Conditions

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As a condition to your approval as a Food Vendor for the Event, you have agreed to participate in the Composting Food Packaging at Events which is being run by the Christchurch City Council (“CFPE”).

The Terms & Conditions are outlined below.

Please

- (a) Read this document carefully, taking note of the complete list of approved food packaging products.
  - (b) Retain a copy for your own reference.
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### 1. Vendor Meeting:

- 1.1. You must attend the Food Vendor Meeting, training via phone call (if you haven’t already attended training) or make other arrangements with Rachel Dunford, [Rachel.dunford@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Rachel.dunford@ccc.govt.nz)

### 2. Approved Products and Suppliers:

- 2.1. For this Event you must only purchase and use approved compostable food packaging available from approved suppliers for CFPE (a complete list of suppliers and products is included in this manual).

### 3. Audits:

- 3.1. You must cooperate with Event staff carrying out any on-site compostable food packaging audits (“Audit”).

### 4. Failure to Comply with CFPE Requirements.

- 4.1. You may be required to cease trading at the request of Event staff if you fail to meet any of the CFPE requirements.
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These Terms & Conditions can be found online:









<https://eptccc.wufoo.com/forms/x8rufyr15jocdy/>

You are required to follow the link to complete the online Terms & Conditions if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in diverting more event waste away from landfill.

## CFPE Approved Food Product Complete List

### Ecoware

	Kraft Tray	Small (17x14x5 cm) Medium (21x18x5 cm) Large (26x20x5 cm)	EBB-T1 EBB-T3 EBB-T4
	Kraft Snack Box	Regular (22x12x8 cm) Large (25x14x8 cm)	EBB-SB-R EBB-SB-L
	Kraft Burger Box	(15x13x8 cm)	EBB-BB
	Kraft Chip Cup	(11x8x8 cm)	EBB-CC
	Kraft Long Box/Tray – Dividable	(25x10x8 cm)	EBB-HBD-D
	Bamboo Food Box with lid	(700ml) (850 ml) (1100 ml) Lid (700ml) Lid (8501-100ml)	LB-700 LB-850 LB-700 LBL-B-700 LBL-B
	Bamboo food box with T-Lock	700ml Lid	LB-700-T LBL-B-700-T
	Bamboo Food Box – Partitioned	(850 ml) (1100 ml)	LB-850-2P LB-1100-2P






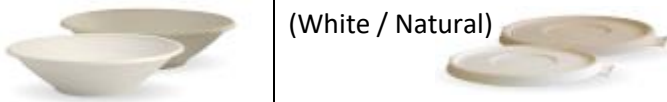
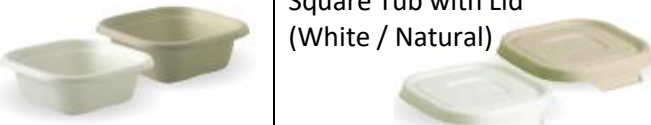

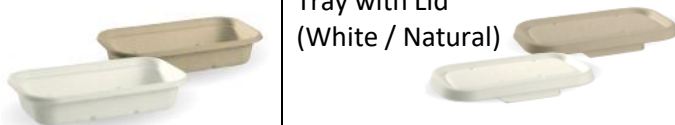


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### Decent Packaging

	Wheatstraw flat container	Small – 500ml Med – 700ml Large – 950ml Lid	WHFC-SM WHFC-MED WHFC-LRG WS-LID
	Bagasse tray	Med – 800ml Large – 1000ml Lid	BFCM BFCL BFC-LID
	Bagasse burger clam	Burger	BGBCL
	Bagasse clams	Small – 620ml Med – 850ml Large – 980ml	BGCLSM BGCLMED BGLSQ
	Bagasse compartment	850ml	BG2COMP
	Bagasse dish with lid	Small Medium Large Lid	BDS BDM BDL BDLID
	Bagasse plate	7 inch 9 inch	BGPLSM BGPLLRG
	Bagasse bowl	350ml	BGBWL
	Bagasse tub	50ml 142ml Lid-50ml Lid-142ml	BT-TINY BT-SM BT-TLID LID/BT-SM

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### BioPak

	Round Plate (White)	(6 inch) (7 inch) (9 inch) (10 inch)	B-PL-06 B-PL-07 B-PL-09 B-PL-10
	3 Compartment Round Plate (White)	(9 inch) (10 inch)	B-PL-93 B-PL-11
	Oval Plate (White)	(10.25x7.75 inch) (12.5x10 inch)	B-PL-16-1 B-PL-16-2
	Bowls (White)	(12 oz) (16 oz)	B-BL-12 B-BL-16
	Round tub	60ml	B-SC-60
	Bowls with Lid (White / Natural)	(800ml / 24 oz) (940ml / 32 oz) (1180ml / 40 oz) (1420ml / 48oz) Lid (fits all)	B-BL-24 B-BL-32 B-BL-40 B-BL-48 B-BLL- N/W
	Square Tub with Lid (White / Natural)	(280 ml) (480 ml) (630 ml) Lid (fits all)	B-SLB-280 B-SLB-480 B-SLB-630 B-SLBL
	Tray (Natural)	(750 ml) (1000 ml)	B-LB-750T B-LB-1000T
	Tray with Lid (White / Natural)	(500ml) (600ml) (1000ml) Lid (fits 500+600ml) Lid (fits 1000ml)	B-LB-500 (W/N) B-LB-600 (W/N) B-LB-1000 (W/N) B-LBL-N/W-small B-LB—W
	Sushi tray	Small Medium Large Long	B-ST-SMALL B-ST-MEDIUM B-ST-LARGE B-ST-LONG
	Compartment trays	2 compartment 3 compartment 4 compartment 2 & 3 comp lid 4 comp lid	B-LB-2C-N/W B-LB-3C-N/W B-LB-4C-N/W B-LBL-2/3C B-LBL-4C



	Large Compartment trays	3 compartment 4 compartment 5 compartment Lid	B-LB-3C-LARGE B-LB-4C-LARGE B-LB-5C-LARGE B-LBL-3/4/5C-LARGE
	5 Compartment Tray (White)	260x209x25mm 320x215x25mm	B-TL-15 B-TL-16
	Clamshell	6x6x3 inch) 7.5x5x1.9 inch 9x6x3 inch 7.8x8x3 inch 9x9x3 inch	B-HL-66 B-HL-75 B-HL-96 B-DHL-81 B-HL-91
	2 Compartment Clamshell (White)	9x6x3 inch 11.6x6x3 inch	B-HL-96-2 B-HL-1156-2
	3 Compartment Clamshell (White)	7.8x8x3 inch 9x9x3 inch	B-DHL-83 B-HL-93
	Pizza Slice Clamshell (Natural)	9 inch diameter	B-HLP-N
	Chip Box	70x45x90 mm	BB-CHIP BOX
	Burger Box	105x105x85mm	BB-BURGER BOX
	Bioboard Box	178x160x80mm 290x170x85mm Regular 175x90x84 mm Large 204x109x84 mm	BB-DINNER BOX BB-FAMILY BOX BB-SNACK BOX BB-SNACK BOX LARGE BB-HOT DOG BOX
	Tray	131x91x50 mm 178x178x45 mm 180x134x45 mm 228x152x45 mm 255x179x58mm	BB-TRAY1 BB-TRAY2 BB-TRAY3 BB-TRAY4 BB-TRAY5









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### Detpak

	Snack Box	Regular Large	M274S0010 M275S0010
	Dinner Box	Regular Family	M420S0010 M304S0010
	Burger Box	Regular Extra Large	M458S0010 M705S0010
	Hot Dog Box		M479S0010
	Food Tray	#1: 131 x 91 x 50mm #2: 178 x 178 x 45mm #3: 180 x 134 x 45mm #4: 228 x 152 x 45mm #5: 255 x 179 x 58mm	M393S0010 M384S0010 M279S0010 M437S0010 M467S0010
	Chip Cup		M429S0010

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### Huhtamäki

	Cup Portion	2oz 62x32mm 4oz 75x48mm Lid to fit 2oz	SCSC02 SCSC04 SC02LB (lid)
	Container Rectangle	500ml 650ml 750ml 1000ml Lid (for 500/650/750ml)	FFNSTC500 FFNSTC650 FFNSTC750 FFNSTC1000 FFNSLID
	Burger Box	480ml	SCC1
	Hinged divided container	1000ml	SCC2
	Round Sugarcane Plate	6"	SC6RND
	Oval Plate	10" x 8" 12.5" x 10"	SC10OVL SC12.5OVL
	3-compartment plate	9" 10"	SC9CRND SC10CRND
	Square Plate	6" 8" 10"	SC6SQR SC8SQR SC10SQR
	Rectangle Plate	10 x 5"	SC10X5SQR
	Bowl	12oz 18oz 32oz	SC12RBWL SC18RBWL SC32RBWL
	Oval Bowl	18oz 26oz	SC18OBWL SC24OBWL
	Hinged 1-compartment	8" x 8" 9" x 6"	SCC17 SCC4
	Hinged 3-compartment	8" x 8" 9" x 9"	SCC5 SCC5L
	Bio Plate	180mm	BIOPLATE18CM50
	Bio Bowl	230mm 150ml	BIOPLATE23CM50 BIOBOWL18CM50

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### BioChoice

	BioChoice Sugarcane Cups	120ml / 4oz 260ml / 9oz	U-CP-04 U-SL-L051
	BioChoice Rectangle Container 	750ml 2-compt Lid	U-SL-RC750-B U-SL-RC750-2-B U-SL-LRC750-B
	BioChoice Square Container	500ml 700ml	U-SL-SC16-B U-SL-SC24B
	BioChoice Oval Container	530ml 770ml	U-LO66 U-LO65
	BioChoice Sugarcane bowl	700ml 950ml 1200ml	U-SL-RB24OZ-196-B U-SL-RB32OZ-196-B U-SL-RB40OZ-196-B
	BioChoice Rectangle tray with lid	360ml 500ml 700ml 950ml	U-T053 U-T054 U-T055 U-T056
	BioChoice hinged containers	Burger box Rectangle 450ml Rectangle 600ml Rectangle 800ml Rectangle 1000ml Rectangle 1200ml	U-SL-B003 U-SL-B002 U-SL-B001 U-SL-HL88 U-HL96 U-SL-HL99
	BioChoice Hinged Compt. boxes	2-compt meal box 3-compt box 8" 3-compt box 9"	U-HL96-2A U-SL-HL88-3C U-SL-B027
	BioChoice 3-Compt Meal Box	9" Lid	U-SL-SQTY99-3C U-SL-LSQTY99-3C

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## Glopac NZ

	Water Cup Single-walled coffee cup	6.5oz 4oz 62mm rim 6oz 80mm rim 8oz 80mm rim 8oz 90mm rim 12oz 90mm rim 16oz 90mm rim	GSWATERCUP GSHSW04 GSHSW0680 GSHSW0880 GSHSW0890 GSHSW1290 GSHSW1690
	Double-walled cup	8oz 80mm rim 8oz 90mm rim 12oz 90mm rim	GSHDW0880 GSHDW0890 GSHDW1290
	Pulp paper lids	80mm 90mm	GSLPULP80 GSLPULP90
	Paper straw lids	90mm	GSLPASTRW90
	Lunch box	Small Medium Large	GSLBOXS GSLBOXM GSLBOXL
	Tub	8oz 12oz 16oz 24oz	GSTUB08Z GSTUB12Z GSTUB16Z GSTUB24Z

## Distributors of approved product

These products can be purchased directly from the Suppliers listed above, or from distributors in the city, including the examples below. However it is your responsibility to ensure they are the correct approved product. These distributors are not able to offer advice on whether the products are CFPE-approved, any questions must be directed to Council representative.

Bidfood Christchurch

P: 027 453 7141

NZ Safety Blackwoods

P: 0800 660 660

Trents Wholesale

P: 0800 555 130

Ashbec Trading

P: 03 982 8822

Aitkens

P: 03 389 2123