

Help Us Reduce Landfill Waste!

At the 12th annual Albany VegFest, we are working to reduce the amount of waste we send to our Rapp Road Landfill. This means we are counting on you, our vendors, to increase the amount of food service materials that can be composted and/or recycled. Volunteers will be on hand to sort all composting and recycling.

For Albany VegFest 2020 we are strongly encouraging the following standards. By Albany VegFest 2021 usage of compostable products will be mandatory.

STRONGLY ENCOURAGED:

-No polystyrene or Styrofoam products whatsoever.

-No plastic straws. These are one of the top pollutants in oceans and waterways, hurting wildlife and contaminating our food chain. Please consider using paper or compostable straws instead (offered online by [Eco-Products](#) and the [Webstaurant Store](#)).

- Plates and bowls which are compostable in a commercial facility (as indicated on outer packaging.) Sugarcane “paper” plates are an excellent option (see below). Some inexpensive options you can use are uncoated paper plates, Chinet plates (available at Walmart & BJ’s), and uncoated red & white checked French Fry boats – see <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/>.



**Sugarcane
Plates**

Made from 100% renewable
and reclaimed resources

Grease and cut resistant



**Square Sugarcane
Plates**

Upscale design and appearance

Perfect for catering



**Sugarcane
Bowls**

Made with sugarcane, a rapidly
renewable resource

Meet ASTM standards for
compostability

Acceptable products:

1. <http://www.ecoproducts.com/products.html> **ALL PRODUCTS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE.**
2. <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/599/biodegradable-plates-and-compostable-plates-platters-bowls-trays-and-servingware.html>
3. https://www.webstaurantstore.com/southern-champion-0425-300-3-lb-red-check-paper-food-tray-case/795300RC_500.html

- Paper hot cups lined with compostable plant material instead of plastic polyethylene are compostable and will further reduce our waste. Cups that have been coated in any sort of plastic are not compostable. Plastic cups #1-7 that do not have any food residue on them can be recycled. (For example: we cannot recycle cups with food residue from hot chocolate or smoothies). Please do not buy plastic compostable cups: they are not accepted by most commercial composters.

For recommended cups see:

1. <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/579/eco-friendly-biodegradable-paper-hot-cups-and-lids.html>
2. <http://www.lollicupstore.com/ke-k512w>

- Consider using compostable plantware or recyclable utensils. (Both plastic and “Biodegradable” utensils are not compostable and will end up in the landfill. Utensils need to say “compostable in a commercial facility.”) Please note that our local composter can only accept utensils made of wood, bamboo or paper.

For recommended utensils see:

1. <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/eco-gecko-heavy-weight-disposable-wooden-fork-pack/999GWP201.html>

For smaller quantities: <https://brandless.com/bundles/holiday-party-essentials>

Together, we can prevent a ton of waste from entering our landfill! Thank you!