

# COMPOSTABLE VS. NON COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS

*How to tell the difference*

In Whitehorse, we have a facility capable of transforming food waste, used napkins, and compostable dishware into compost.

Unfortunately, paper dishware is often lined with plastic and products are marketed as “biodegradable” or “green” but don’t degrade as expected.

## How do I know if a product is compostable?

There are two symbols which indicate that a product has been tested and meets ASTM D6400 and ASTM D6868 standards. These standards outline test methods that mimic what takes place in the Whitehorse Compost Facility.

These symbols ensure the item you purchase is compostable in Whitehorse, no matter the product. Be it a cup, bowl, plate, utensil, or bag.



Not accepted in compost ❌

- Plastic shopping or produce bags
- Garbage bags
- Styrofoam
- Plastic green or blue recycling bags
- Oxo-biodegradable plastic bags
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic lined cups and bowls

Accepted in compost ✅

- BPI or Compost Council of Canada Certified products
- Food soiled paper: napkins, paper towels
- Paper bags
- Food scraps! Including meat and bones