



## BUYING GUIDE FOR ZERO-WASTE SCHOOL EVENTS

This Buying Guide aims to help you reduce waste at your school’s events by finding food serviceware products that are compostable, biodegradable, or have recycled content. Of course, the greenest option is to use reusables. But when that’s not possible, you can still reduce your waste and environmental footprint by buying greener products. We have organized the information by store, focusing on national chains. Some national chains have different products by region – so *even if a brand is not listed, you can always ask at your favorite stores what compostable, biodegradable, and recycled products they sell.* This Buying Guide is illustrative, not exhaustive: you may find these or other brands at local stores or other chains. Use the Zero-Waste School Events Infographic as a companion to reduce waste at your event: [www.greenschools.net/zero-waste-events](http://www.greenschools.net/zero-waste-events).

**NOTE:** Most generic paper cups, bowls and plates are compostable, if they are not coated with plastic. Best to look for “Certified Compostable” or Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) Logo, or also uncoated. Most plastics are recyclable, if they are rinsed. Check your local waste hauler and recycler for what items are accepted for recycling and whether you have commercial compost pick-up in your area, or start one at your school garden, in your backyard, or with a local farmer.

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### Store: Costco

Product	Brand Name	Description	Compostable	Recyclable
Plates	ecoKloud	Made from Bagasse Sugarcane, an annually renewable sugarcane fiber. Microwave and refrigerator safe. Tree-free.	(not certified)	No
Cups	ecoKloud	Paper lined with PLA compostable corn plastic. Hot or cold drinks.	Yes	No
Cutlery	ecoKloud	Forks, spoons and knives, primarily made from compostable corn plastic. BPI certified. Heat-resistant.	Yes	No
Takeout, cutlery	World Centric	Compostable plastic, BPI certified.	Yes	

**Store: Safeway**

Product	Brand Name	Description	Compostable	Recyclable
Plates	Safeway	Paper plates, uncoated	Yes	No
	Dixie	Paper plates, uncoated	Yes	No
	Solo	Paper plates, Bare, uncoated	Yes	No
Cups	Safeway	Paper cups, uncoated	Yes	No
	Solo	Plastic cups with 20% recycled material.	No	Yes
Cutlery	Safeway	Dishwasher-safe (reusable) plastic forks, knives and spoons.	No	Yes
Napkins	Bright Green	Unbleached and 100% recycled paper.	Yes	No

**Store: Smart & Final**

Product	Brand Name	Description	Compostable	Recyclable
Plates	Simply Value, Chinet	Paper plates, uncoated	Yes	No
Cups	Fabri-Kal	Compostable, cold PLA plastic cups. Greenware BPI-certified.	Yes	No
Cutlery	Trellis Earth	PLA plastic spoons, forks, knives.	Yes	No
Napkins	Earth First	100% recycled. No chlorine.	Yes	No

**Store: Walmart**

Product	Brand Name	Description	Compostable	Recyclable
Plates & Bowls	Eco-Products	Compostable sugarcane dinnerware. Tree-free. BPI-certified	Yes	No
	Solo	Bare paper plates (uncoated), compostable.	Yes	No
	NatureHouse by Savannah	Bagasse (sugarcane) plates. Tree-free. Compostable.	Yes	No
	World Centric	Unbleached renewable wheatstraw fiber. BPI-certified compostable. Microwave safe. Tree-free	Yes	No
Cups	World Centric	Compostable plastic cold cups- under 110°F. Made from USA-grown plants. BPI-certified.	Yes	No
	World Centric	Compostable paper hot cups, lined with the plant-derived Ingeo. Heat resistant up to 200°F. BPI-certified; SCS-certified responsible forestry.	Yes	No
Cups	Eco-Products	Compostable plastic cold cups. GreenStripe BPI-certified.	Yes	No
	Eco-Products	Compostable paper hot cups, lined with the PLA.	Yes	No

		Heat resistant up to 200°F. GreenStripe BPI-certified.		
Cutlery	World Centric	Spoons, forks and knives. Made from TPLA (70% non-GMO PLA and 30% talc.) Heat resistant up to 200 °F	Yes	No
	Miller's Creek, Eco-Products	Spoons, forks and knives. Made from PLA. Heat resistant up to 200 °F	Yes	No
	Birchware	Spoons, forks, knives. Made from birch trees grown in China. Heat resistant up to 200 °F	Yes	No
Napkins	Seventh Generation	100% recycled unbleached napkins.	Yes	No
	Marcal	100% recycled napkins.	Yes	No

### Store: Whole Foods

Product	Brand Name	Description	Compostable	Recyclable
Bowls	World Centric	Unbleached renewable wheatstraw fiber. BPI-certified compostable. Microwave and freezer safe. Tree-free.	Yes	No
	Green Mission	Tree-free, made from plant fibers.	Yes	No
Plates	Susty Party	Made from renewable tapioca and grass. Made in the USA.	Yes	Yes
	World Centric	Unbleached renewable wheatstraw fiber. BPI-certified compostable. Microwave and freezer safe.	Yes	No
	Green Mission	Tree-free, made from plant fibers.	Yes	No
Cups	World Centric	Compostable plastic cold cups- under 110°F. Made from USA-grown plants. BPI-certified.	Yes	No
	World Centric	Compostable paper hot cups, lined with the plant-derived Ingeo. Heat resistant up to 200°F. BPI-certified compostable and SCS-certified responsible forestry.	Yes	No
Cutlery	World Centric	Spoons, forks and knives. Made from TPLA (70% non-GMO PLA and 30% talc.) Heat resistant up to 200 °F	Yes	No
Napkins	Seventh Generation	100% recycled unbleached napkins.	Yes	No
	365 Everyday Value	100% recycled unbleached napkins.	Yes	No

Check our Green Schools Buying Guide – [www.greenschools.net/buyingguide](http://www.greenschools.net/buyingguide) for more green products: paper, foodware, art supplies, cleaning products, and more. Use the Zero-Waste School Events Infographic as a companion to this Buying Guide to plan your event. [www.greenschools.net/zero-waste-events](http://www.greenschools.net/zero-waste-events). The Infographic and Buying Guide were developed with support from World Centric, [www.worldcentric.org](http://www.worldcentric.org).