Greenlid offers a full range of sustainable tableware solutions that are **fully compostable, biodegradable** and **100% free of harmful PFAs**. We use natural materials like bamboo, birch, and palm leaf to ensure that our entire product line is **outside of any future single-use plastic bans**.

We are the leading manufacturer of compostable disposable products in North America, with private-label products in over 14,000 retail stores and *Greenlid*-branded products in 10,000+ restaurants and retailers.

Greenlid takes the guesswork out of single-use plastic bans. **Make the switch to compostable products today!**

OUR MATERIALS

PALM LEAF

Our Palm Leaf plates and bowls are made from fallen dry leaves, which are otherwise wasted. The palm leaf production process does not involve any additives, synthetic materials, or strengthening agents. It is a 100% chemical-free product.

BIRCH

All of *Greenlid*'s disposable cutlery is made from birch. Birch is a sustainable and durable choice that has less impact on the environment than alternative hardwoods, which have lengthier growing periods. All of our birch comes from Sustainably Managed Forests.

PLANT FIBER

Plant fiber is a raw material obtained after wheat and bamboo have been harvested. The strong, fibrous pulp is molded into plates, bowls, cups, and other products like our foodservice and takeout containers. Unlike paper products, our plant-fiber products don't require the cutting down of trees.

RECYCLED PAPER

Greenlid's recycled paper napkins are made from 100% post-consumer recycled content and help eliminate the need to harvest virgin materials. Our napkins don't use harmful bleaching agents, so you reduce the number of chemicals introduced into your home.

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100% FREE OF PFAS
AND FLUORINATED CHEMICALS

PFAs (poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances) are chemicals that are added to food packaging to provide grease and water resistance. With very similar properties to Teflon, PFAs and other fluorinated chemicals are considered **"forever chemicals"** as they accumulate in the environment. Since these chemicals can permeate food, air, soil and water, they pose a growing threat to our health. *Greenlid*'s products are free of fluorinated chemicals and PFAs, unlike the vast majority of other molded fiber tableware and foodservice products.

The scrutiny on PFAs is finally reaping some real-world changes. BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) has implemented a new standard for restricting PFAs from its certification. Many big-name brands have committed to removing PFAs from their packaging, but will not achieve their goal until at least 2025. **By choosing *Greenlid*, you don't have to wait!**

TRULY COMPOSTABLE VS "COMPOSTABLE" PLASTIC

Compostable plastics are commonly used for disposable items, such as packaging, cutlery, and takeout containers. There are several factors that make compostable plastics problematic in real-life settings. While making purchase decisions, consumers must beware of "greenwashing".

Biodegradable and compostable plastics don't mix with recyclable plastics. When compostable plastics are recycled into a blue bin, they can contaminate and degrade regular recyclable items. Since it's difficult to separate traditional recyclable plastics from biodegradable plastics (they look almost identical), they are often missed. This can create an extra step for the recycling plant to sort and it can contaminate the other recycled products in the process.

Compostable plastic will not biodegrade in a landfill. Many compostable plastics are designed to decompose in an industrial composting system, however, this rarely happens to them. Many compostable plastics are usually discarded in our waste bin (which means they end up in a landfill) and cannot properly compost because these special plastics need air, moisture, and sunlight to break down properly. In a landfill setting, it can take decades or even centuries for the items to fully break down.

Some compostable plastics can still contain harmful chemicals. Not all compostable plastics are free of harmful chemicals like lead, cadmium, BPA and phthalates. Unless further tested, or properly stated on the packaging - it's hard to know what exactly is in your compostable plastic product.

UNLESS A COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC ITEM ENDS UP IN A PERFECT LABORATORY COMPOSTING SETTING, IT CAN CAUSE MORE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAN GOOD.

Products that are made of natural, and sustainable materials (like birch or bamboo) are fully compostable and biodegradable and can break down fully, without leaving a toxic residue. These eco-friendly products are also visually different from plastic, or compostable plastic so can be properly sorted at waste facilities, if not composted properly.

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