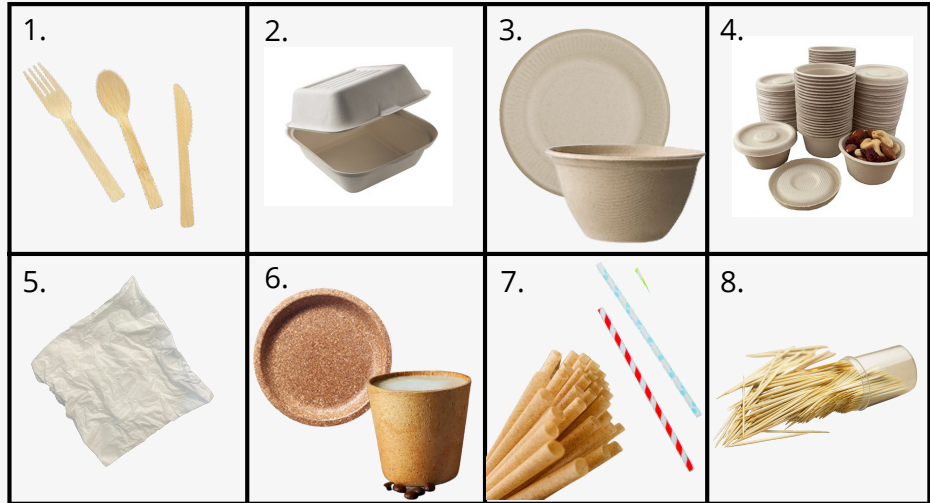


SERVEWARE GUIDE

The City of Encinitas is committed to ensuring events are as low waste as possible. To help reduce landfill waste, the following information can help event vendors select preferred serveware. For more information on the City's Zero Waste Division, please visit www.encinitasca.gov/trash-recycling or email recycling@encinitasca.gov with any questions.

Items that CAN be placed in the Organics bin after use:

1. Bamboo Cutlery
2. Fiber-based Takeout Containers
3. Fiber-based Bowls and Plates
4. Fiber-based Condiment Cups
5. Napkins
6. Edible Cups, Plates, and Utensils
7. Straws:
 - PLA Free Sugarcane Straws
 - Uncoated Paper Straws
 - PHA Home Compostable Straws
8. Toothpicks without Decorations



Items that CANNOT be placed in the Organics or Recycling bin and belong in the Trash:

1. Compostable (PLA) Plastics
2. Coated Fiber-based Takeout Containers (Think shiny)
3. Most Paper Cups (Almost all are lined with plastic)
4. Wax Paper (Pastry Bags, Liners, etc.)



FAQ:

Why are products labeled "compostable" if they cannot go in the Organics or Recycling bin?

Bioplastic items labeled "compostable" or "biodegradable" can only break down in certain commercial composting facilities, none of which currently exist in San Diego County.

What does "fiber-based" versus "shiny and coated" mean in regards to takeout containers?

Fiber based takeout containers are made from plant based fibers without any outer coating added to them. Shiny, or coated takeout containers have a waxy lining on the inner part of the container to help seal them. Unfortunately, this coating cannot be broken down or separated in the organics or recycling.