

Guide to Purchasing Compostable Liners

Degradable

Made from plastic with other chemicals added. The plastic breaks apart over time when placed in sunlight and heat. They break into small pieces of plastic in the environment.

Breaks down in: does not break down, only breaks up into smaller pieces.

RED BIN ONLY

Biodegradable

Made from plastic, sometimes made from plants and plastic, with an additive to break down the plastic. It doesn't need oxygen to break down.

Breaks down in: varies, time is not specified. It could take thousands of years.

RED BIN ONLY

Compostable (AS 4736)

Made of natural plant starch ie corn and does not produce any toxic material. These completely break down in a composting system. They meet the Australian Standard for compost AS 4736. Be aware that some products may be labelled as 'compostable', but do not meet the standard. Look for the seedling symbol to be sure.

Breaks down in: about 90 days

OK FOR FOGO

Compostable bags are the **ONLY** bags accepted in Wollongong & Shellharbour FOGO.

MUST HAVE AS 4736 & seedling logo or it's not compostable!



See over for a list of accepted bags & where to buy them →



**Greener Compostable Bags
By Multix**

Labelled with the seedling logo and AS4736,
made out of corn.

Available at most grocery stores and online:
Multix.com.au/product-category/greener



Compost a Pak

Labelled with the seedling logo
and AS4736, made out of corn.

Available online:
Compostapak.com.au



GLAD to be Green

Labelled with the seedling logo
and AS4736, made out of corn.

Available at most grocery stores.



Maze

Labelled with the seedling logo
and AS4736, made out of corn.

Available at Bunnings and online:
Mazeproducts.com.au



Cardia

Labelled with the seedling logo
and AS4736, made out of corn.

Available online:
Cardiabioproducts.com



BioPak

Labelled with the seedling logo
and AS4736, made out of corn.

Available online:
Biopak.com.au