GUIDE TO PURCHASING COMPOSTABLE LINERS

Compostable (AS 4736)

Bags made of natural plant starch from corn waste product don't produce toxins when breaking down. These bags completely decompose in a commercial composting system.

AS 4736 is an Australian Standard for compostable products. Beware! Some products labelled 'compostable' do not meet this standard. Look for the seedling logo to be sure.





ONLY compostable bags are accepted in FOGO in Wollongong and Shellharbour Council areas. Bags MUST HAVE AS 4736 & seedling logo or they are not compostable!

Degradable Bags

Not Acceptable - RED BIN ONLY

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

Time to break down: These do not break down, they only break up into smaller pieces.

Biodegradable Bags SNot Acceptable - RED BIN ONLY

Made from plastic, sometimes made from plants and plastic, and decompose by the action of specific microbes.

Time to break down: It could take thousands of years for these to break down.







ACCEPTABLE COMPOSTABLE LINERS



Greener Compostable Bags Available at most grocery stores and online:

greener.com.au/



My Eco Bag Available at most grocery stores and online: <u>myecobag.com.au/</u>



GLAD to be Green Available at most grocery stores and online: gladtobegreen.com.au/



Hercules sustain Available at most grocery stores.

herculessustain.com/au/



Coles Compost Tidy bags Available at Coles stores and online: coles.com.au/



Maze Available at Bunnings and online. <u>maze.com.au/</u>



EnviroStar Available online: envirostar.com.au/



BioBag Available online: biobagworld.com.au/



BioPak Available online: <u>biopak.com/au/</u>



Bonnie Bio Available at most grocery stores and online: bonniebio.com.qu/



Biotuff Available online: <u>biotuff.com.au/</u>



Compost a Pak Available online: compostapak.com.au/





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