



# The 3 Categories of Sustainable Packaging

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Which type is right for your business?



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## RECYCLABLE

- Products like aluminum and plastic
- Most common recyclable containers for takeout packaging include number 5 plastic or number 1 polyethylene
- Number 5 plastic is best for keeping food warm
- Recyclable containers should be labeled with a clear recycling number where the customer can identify it



## COMPOSTABLE

- Compostable containers are designed to break down in a commercial compost facility, so customers must dispose of it properly
- Compostable containers include paper and polylactic acid
- They contain fewer chemicals and are better for human bodies and for the earth
- Paper is better for dry foods, while PLA acts like plastic so it can be used for foods with moisture and heat

## REUSABLE

- Reusable containers are less practical but can save the restaurant the most money
- Customers bring their own containers
- Some chains sell reusable containers for customers to bring back and forth, and then offer incentives for bringing them

# Where to Buy Reusable Containers Online

## 1. [Greenstaurant.com](https://www.greenstaurant.com)

Trusted source for sustainable foodservice disposables

Eco-friendly wholesale foodservice disposables

Compostable biodegradable plates, hot cups, cold cups, utensils, takeout containers and more

## 2. Letsgogreen.biz

Eco-friendly sustainable, disposable takeout food containers  
Great selection of 100% compostable and biodegradable takeout containers  
Green alternative to traditional Styrofoam packaging

## 3. Goodstartpackaging.com

Eco-friendly, compostable takeout containers and to-go boxes  
Takeout containers that are plant-based, gluten-free  
Healthier alternative to foam and plastic

## 4. Brenmarco.com

Sustainable takeout supplies like boxes, cutlery, pizza containers and more  
Compostable forks, knives, spoons and sectional plates

## 5. Mrtakeoutbags.com

Full supply of eco-friendly food packaging for restaurants from recyclable bags to compostable containers  
Recyclable, compostable, or biodegradable food containers and cutlery  
Shrink your company's carbon footprint today



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