

RESOURCES

Provided below is information businesses can use in making decisions regarding bags that are compostable and approved under the Ordinance.

Some good indicators for businesses to be on the lookout for **compostable** bags:

- **CMA-W Standard** Approved- Perfect, no longer need to check anything else.
- **BPI Compostable or ASTM 6400 Standard**- Good indicators that it likely passes and maybe just needs to inquire about if the bag is accepted at our specific facilities.
- **Biodegradable**- Not good enough and usually doesn't mean compostable.
- **Green-colored Bags**- Not good enough, this could mean anything.

A good resource to understand the type of compostable products available is the [Compost Manufacturing Alliance](#). Bags and other compostable products can be purchased from many restaurant supply wholesalers, retailers, and even Amazon.

Some good indicators for businesses to be on the lookout for **paper** bags:

- **At least 40% PCR or Post Consumer Recycled Content**- Perfect, means the bags are made with recycled paper or fibers and this is exactly what is acceptable.
- **Kraft Paper Bags**- Seeing words like Kraft are usually good indicators the bag likely has some recycled content inside of it. Kraft paper bags are brown paper bags. The bags may still need confirmation.
- **100% Recyclable**- Not what is acceptable, what is acceptable are bags made of recycled content

Here are some paper product groups, businesses can look into:

<https://fischerpaperproducts.com/>

<https://novolex.com/>

The City encourages businesses to inquire with their current suppliers and have a dialogue on what they have to help satisfy these requirements. Businesses can also contact the City if there are questions regarding what bags are acceptable by calling 847-448-4311.