

Average Price Comparison: Plastic vs Alternative Products

We understand that cost is a factor when making product decisions. Below is an example of costings, sourced from several local suppliers, as a guide. Prices exclude GST.

Generally, good compostable products are more expensive, but you get what you pay for. There are a lot of cheap alternative products that don't live up to their claim - when sourcing products ensure you are always getting 100% compostable. We think the extra money is worth it- not only are you acting responsibly, your customers will appreciate the difference.

Product	Single-use Plastic	Unit \$	Alternative	Unit \$
Coffee Cups	Foam cup & lid 12 oz	0.101	Paper, PLA lined (S-wall) 12oz	0.120
	Paper D-wall, plastic lined 12oz	0.126	Paper D-wall, compostable lined 12oz	0.172
Coffee Cup Lids	Plastic lid 80mm	0.043	Sugarcane pulp (bagasse) lid 80mm	0.058
Foodware (cutlery)	Plastic cutlery set (knife, fork, napkin)	0.058	Wood cutlery set (knife, fork, napkin)	0.170
	Teaspoon plastic 10cm	0.014	Teaspoon wood 10cm	0.030
Foodware (plates/bowls)	Plastic plate 7"	0.074	Sugarcane pulp 7" plate	0.063
	Plastic bowl 7"	0.084	Sugarcane pulp 7" bowl	0.098
Food ware (cold cups)	Clear plastic cup & dome lid 24oz	0.205	Clear compostable cup & dome lid 24oz	0.248
	Paper cup, plastic lined	0.101	Paper cup, compostable lined	0.137
Takeaway Containers	Foam clam 8.5"x 8.5"	0.24	Sugarcane pulp clamshell 7.8"x 8.3"	0.279
	Clear plastic rectangle & lid 650ml	0.16	Sugarcane pulp rectangle & lid 600ml	0.254
	Foam burger box	0.09	Paperboard burger box	0.178
	Chip cup - board, plastic lined 12oz	0.054	Chip cup - board, compostable lined 12oz	0.114
Straws	Plastic straw regular	0.006	Paper straw regular	0.033
Plastic Bags	Small with handles	0.015	Paper bag brown small with handles	0.300
	Medium with handles	0.021	Paper bag brown med with handles	0.410
			Calico reusable bag with handles	1.040

Sources: Alpaca Packaging, Biopak, Greenpack.



Coffee cup (single wall)



Bagasse (sugarcane pulp)
coffee cup lid



Wood cutlery set



Bioboard tray



Sugarcane pulp burger box



Sugarcane pulp bowl