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Compostability

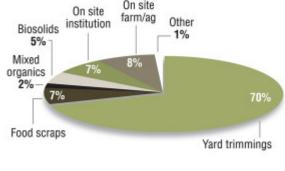


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State of Composting in the US

- ~4900+ composting facilities in the US
- 70% yard trimmings
- 7% food waste
- **Goal:** Increase the number of facilities that will accept food packaging

Figure 1. U.S. composting facilities by type



Yard trimmings compost sites represent 70% of the 4,914 total compost sites reported

Source: BioCycle

https://www.biocycle.net/2014/07/16/state-of-composting-in-the-u-s/



US Compostable Standards

- **ASTM**-American Society for Testing and Materials
 - 6400- Labeling of Plastics Designed to be Aerobically Composted in municipal or **Industrial Facilities**
 - 6868- Standard Specification for Labeling of End Items that Incorporate Plastics and Polymers as Coatings or Additives with Paper and Other Substrates Designed to be Aerobically Composted in Municipal or Industrial Facilities
 - Tests end product- components less than 1% of the structure do not need to be tested separately
 - Certification
- **BPI-** Biodegradable Products Institute
 - Requires of individual components to be compostable
 - Certification
- CMA- Compost Manufacturing Alliance
 - Includes Cedar Grove
 - Approves for composting- is not a "certification"









Composting Technologies



All methods are not created equal



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Challenges with Food Packaging





Pass ASTM and Cedar Grove- not BPI Adhesives are a challenge • Paper mixed substrate







2 ply lamination

Paper/poly lamination

Molded Fiber



BPI- not Cedar Grove

Products with FDA approved fluorochemical (PFAS) grease (OGR) barriers will not be accepted by BPI or CMA starting Jan 2020



Development areas



- Continue to....
 - work with composters to accept food packaging
 - develop products (plastic and paper) that will deliver on consumer needs and meet compostable standards
 - develop PFAS alternatives for compostable markets
 - educate on zero waste events and waste diversion

Zero Waste event example:

Less than 1lb of landfill waste Approx. 150 lbs organic waste Approx. 75 lbs glass and aluminum



