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Reusable Foodware Program

Program Impact

Why Dispatch reusables over compostables?



80%

Less Water vs.
Compostables



66%

Less CO₂ vs.
Compostables



70-98%

Waste reduction
vs. single use

WHAT GOES IN THE ORANGE BINS

YES

Reusable Items



NO

- Food Scraps
- Compostables
- Napkins
- Cutlery
- Packaging
- Paper
- Trash
- ANYTHING ELSE



Return Bin Locations

Bin Mapping to Come Soon!

Any orange bins or bins with orange 'reuse' labels are good to place your used orange containers, plates, cups, or bowls.



Frequently Asked Questions

■ Are Dispatch Goods' products microwave safe?

Yes! All of Dispatch Goods' products are microwave safe. Please remove lids before microwaving to allow for ventilation.

■ What if I take the container home or to another building on campus?

No problem! Just bring it back the next time you are on campus.

■ Do I need to rinse the container before returning it?

Rinsing is helpful but not required. Simply remove any leftover food into a compost or trash bin and place the container in the Dispatch Goods return bin.

■ How are the products cleaned?

All products are transported to Dispatch Goods' local commercial washing facility, where advanced industrial dishwashers sanitize the packaging to meet or exceed health department guidelines (e.g., California CalCode).

■ Why use plastic instead of compostables?

In most major metropolitan areas—including in California—even certified commercially compostable packaging often ends up in landfills because it isn't compatible with local composting infrastructure.

Washing and reusing a Dispatch Goods product is significantly more environmentally friendly than single-use alternatives. For example, producing a plant-fiber compostable container uses about 5× more water than washing a reusable one.

■ What are the containers made of?

Containers are made from 100% food-grade polypropylene (PP #5) — a durable, heat-resistant plastic widely used in food service. They are BPA-free, BPS-free, and PFAS-free, and designed to be used over and over again.