

Did You Know...

Corn is not only a great-tasting vegetable, but also is the main ingredient in certain types of plastics. Corn plastic, or polylactide (PLA), is made from lactic acid (from corn starch) and is biodegradable in compost piles, taking only 30-45 days to begin breaking down.

PLA can be used to make cups, cutlery, plates, trash bags, straws, and more. New products are being developed every day.



Using corn cups certainly is better for the environment. In addition, using PLA products can:

- Lessen use of fossil fuels to make conventional plastics
- Reduce the amount of waste entering landfills
- Help stimulate the US economy (for US-grown corn)

(Number) of Amelia Island Plantation's food and beverage outlets carry corn cups or biodegradable take-out containers. Ask your server for availability.

To learn more about corn plastics and other biodegradable materials, as well as where these products can be purchased, visit:

- <http://www.ecoproducts.com>
- <http://www.biodegradablestore.com>