

Catering Serviceware Options

1. China

Reusable china eliminates the need for paper or plastic plates, many of which are coated with plastic or wax, are not biodegradable and ultimately end up in landfills.

Factor in the gasoline required to deliver all these paper or plastic plates, as opposed to one shipment of china which can be washed and reused and you've got a strong argument for reusable china.

From a catering standpoint, china is ideal and adds elegance to an upscale event.

2. Biodegradable

Spudware (Utensils):

- Diverts disposables away from the landfill and into the compost pile.
- Natural, sustainable alternative to petroleum-based plasticware

For more information, visit

<http://www.excellentpackaging.com/pages/1/PDFs/SpudWare.pdf>

Bagasse (Plates, Take-Out Containers):

- Made from plant fiber (sugar cane, wheat, bamboo or rice).
- This residue is usually burned, creating air pollution. Now it is being used to make disposable, leak-proof products that are great for hot or cold food and do not alter food taste.
- Safe for use in microwave or freezer
- An excellent alternative to Styrofoam

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Greenworks (Cups):

- Made entirely from plants – not petroleum
- Made from Ingeo™ biopolymer, a PLA resin derived entirely from plants
- Plant sources are domestically grown and annually renewable
- 100% compostable
- For more information, visit <http://www.f-k.com/green>

3. Bambooware

Bamboo ware is a new option for F&M catering. Bamboo Studio is a revolutionary all-occasion dinnerware that is both disposable and reusable. Handcrafted from the sheath of the emerging bamboo plant, these dynamic new serving pieces are elegant, strong, and environmentally-friendly.

- Strong and leak resistant
- Handcrafted from Bamboo sheath
- No harsh chemicals or bleaches are used
- Requires little energy to make and Bamboo is 100% biodegradable

Learn more about bamboo ware at <http://www.ecobambooware.com> or contact our catering department at (717) 291-4322.

