

Material Decisions in Real Waste Systems



A practical framework for evaluating food service materials under real disposal conditions.

INTENDED VS ACTUAL WASTE PATHWAY

Intended	Actual
Composting programs	Contamination
Recycling streams	Staffing limitations
Diversion targets	Vendor constraints
Sustainability goals	Landfill

PROCUREMENT QUESTION

If landfill is the outcome, what does this material become?

DECISION STANDARD

- Performs under real service conditions
- Avoids operational disruption
- Reduces persistence and additives
- Remains defensible if landfill becomes the outcome

LIMITED OPERATIONAL EVALUATION

One product

One location

One service window

Evaluate within existing operations. No workflow changes. No service disruption.

Material choice can reduce long-term risk without operational disruption.