



Dearest Customer,

Gayle's has been working for several years to reduce our plastic consumption. As you know, recycling options for plastic have become scarce. Therefore, we have decided to use as many compostable packaging options as possible. We understand that this type of packaging will at least eventually break down in the landfill. Although residential composting is not currently available in Santa Cruz County, we are advocating for a residential composting program in our community and encourage you to do the same.

On the back of this letter there is a list of the containers we use and how to dispose of them. You can also go online to gaylesbakery.com, scroll to the bottom of the Home Page and click Sustainability for the list.

HERE'S WHAT ELSE WE'RE DOING:

- ✦ Our #1 GOAL! Encouraging you to bring in as many of your own clean containers as possible. Ideas for what to bring in are: containers for entrees and salads, cold and hot beverage cups, and of course, bags. Remember, you can reuse the original container that you took home from Gayle's on your last visit!
- ✦ We will be selling reusable containers soon.
- ✦ In Gayle's kitchens, we participate in Green Waste Recovery's food waste composting program. All production areas have 3 waste bins; landfill, compost and recyclables. We have an ongoing education program for our staff.
- ✦ We have stopped selling bottled water and now have a filtered water dispenser by our sugar/cream bar by the Espresso Bar. We've saved over 90,000 bottles so far!
- ✦ We are selling bee's wax bread wraps to use at home instead of plastic.

If you have any suggestions for us, please don't hesitate to tell one of the managers. Together we can make a difference.

Gayle, Joe and Louisa

GAYLE'S

WHAT TO DO WITH OUR CONTAINERS

COMPOSTABLE

PLACE IN TRASH UNTIL COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING IS AVAILABLE

- ✦ Clear Deli Containers & Lids for Soups, Dips and Salads
- ✦ Clear Sandwich Bags
- ✦ Clear Cold Drink Cups, Yogurt Parfait Cups and Lids
- ✦ Paper Deli Containers & Lids for Hot Foods & Soups
- ✦ Brown Paper Food Boxes
- ✦ Paper Fiber Deli Containers & Clear Lids for Entrees & Side Dishes
- ✦ Paper Fiber Square Tray Bottoms only for Sandwiches & Desserts
- ✦ White Bakery Boxes

RECYCLABLE

PLACE IN RECYCLE BIN

- ✦ Black Plastic Deli Containers & Lids
- ✦ Aluminum Containers & Clear Lids
- ✦ Paper Fiber Square Tray Lids

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