

## My Cup or Yours?



*Can anyone tell me the difference between these three cups?*



Although they look nearly identical the one on right is made of what is called Polystyrene (PS), the one in the middle is made out of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) and the one on the left is made of Polylactic Acid (PLA).

*Can you guess how long each of these different plastic types takes to decompose naturally?*

- The Polystyrene cup may *never* biodegrade!

- The PET cup can take 450 to 1000 years to biodegrade!
- The Polylactic Acid cup can biodegrade naturally within 1 year!

*Why the difference?*

Polylactic Acid (PLA) is made from 100% bio-based (plant) material and is not produced using petroleum (oil).

These are the types of innovations we need to reduce our environmental impact while continuing our lifestyles. Let's just hope that as a society we are not too late to make the necessary changes!

Check out **Goodwill's Hospitality Services** for your "*Carbon Diet*"! Now using Greenware Polylactic Acid cups (Made in Kalamazoo! <http://www.fk.com/green>) for various catering services!

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