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The debate: single-use sandwich packaging

On the back of significant debate on the recyclability of single-use paper cups and concerns over the impact of plastic straws in the ocean, it's no surprise that customers, retailers and the foodservice packaging industry is now scrutinising the environmental impact and end-of-life solution for all single-use packaging products, including sandwich packaging. Sandwich packaging comes in all shapes, sizes and material types - so there's significant confusion about which packaging has the most environmental merit.

We recommend:

For our customers in catering and hospitality using sandwich packaging and wishing to make the most environmentally responsible choice, we recommend packaging that's made from a material best suited to the in-house waste stream. If you have a mixed recycling collection, use plastic sandwich packs. If you have a food waste bin and an in-vessel composting collection, use PLA lined cardboard sandwich packs. If you have neither of these, use PE lined cardboard sandwich packs.

Your options:

- Offer sandwich packs made from PET or recycled PET. These materials are widely recyclable at their end-of-life and can be placed in any mixed recycling or plastics recycling waste bin. We encourage all customers to minimise food contamination by discarding any remaining food waste in either general waste or food waste bins, and to place heavily soiled sandwich packs in general waste.
- Offer compostable PLA lined cardboard sandwich packs carrying EN13432 certification. As with all compostable products, PLA lined sandwich packs must be disposed of with food waste in a bin designed for compostable material and sent to industrial composting facilities licensed to take compostable items. Speak to your waste management provider.
- PE lined cardboard sandwich packs are currently not widely recyclable due to the issue of food contamination. However, many manufacturers work hard to ensure that environmental impact is reduced at point of production, by using vegetable and water-based inks for printing and recycling post-manufacturing off-cuts back into additional packaging products. Many PE lined sandwich packs are also FSC or PEFC certified.



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rPET sandwich packaging

Hinged packaging for presenting everyday favourites.

Features and benefits:

- Made from recycled PET
- Widely recyclable
- Clear view of sandwich



Sandwich packaging	Size	Cased	Code
Standard wedge	55mm	500	H07323
Deep fill wedge	65mm	500	H01802
Triple wedge	75mm	500	H00077

PLA lined sandwich packaging

Part of the Sustain range of compostable packaging.

Features and benefits:

- Lined with bio-plastic
- 100% compostable
- EN 13432 certification



Sandwich packaging	Cased	Code
Deep fill wedge	500	H07371
Triple wedge	500	H07372



PE lined sandwich packaging

High quality cardboard packaging for eating on-the-go.

Features and benefits:

- FSC certification
- Kraft paperboard
- Clear window



Sandwich packaging	Cased	Code
Standard wedge	500	G02192
Deep fill wedge	500	G02194
Triple wedge	500	G02320



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