

BPI Wipes Policy

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In order to be eligible for BPI's Certification program, finished items must be associated with desirable feedstocks such as food scraps and yard trimmings. This can be a challenging requirement to interpret for products that have both food and non-food uses.

Appendix B of [BPI's Certification Scheme](#) includes a list of common eligible and ineligible finished items, and wipes are included on the "In Scope (Eligible)" part of the list - **Wipes (for food-contact use)**. In May of 2021, the BPI Composter and Municipality Committee voted to confirm this designation, and limit eligibility for wipes to food use only, specifically forbidding the certification of generic wipes.

For multi-use items, eligibility in BPI's Certification is determined by the language that is used on the product itself, on packaging, in sales and marketing materials, and in product titles / descriptions used in BPI's product database. In all of these cases, the language may only make reference to eligible uses (food), and may never reference ineligible uses (non-food).

Specifically, all companies certifying or sublicensing wipes must meet the requirements specified below:

1. Any reference to ineligible (non-food) uses either in words or images on packaging, in sales and marketing materials, or in product titles / descriptions is strictly prohibited.
2. All retail packaging must include specific references to eligible (food) use through phrases like "For Kitchen Use", "For Food Use", or "For Food Contact Use" displayed alongside "Compostable" claims AND alongside the BPI Certification Mark.

Applicants in the wipes category are encouraged to review all artwork with BPI's Certification team at the beginning of the certification process to determine whether or not specific layouts meet the requirements above.

BPI reserves the right to periodically modify this policy and verify compliance with its guidelines by requesting photographs and / or physical samples of actual products and packaging currently in the marketplace.