



# SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING COALITION®

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## SPC Updates

### Compostable Packaging: The Reality on the Ground

Earlier this month, the SPC released the report *Compostable Packaging: The Reality on the Ground*. The report provides the results of a national survey of industrial composting facilities on how they handle packaging. It was written for companies that design, make or use compostable packaging, especially packaging used in foodservice applications. Survey questions covered topics such as types of food waste accepted, composting methods utilized, how packaging is handled and what problems facilities have encountered by accepting packaging. By providing a snapshot of how facilities handle packaging, the report provides valuable information on potential areas for growth in the use of compostable packaging and the remaining challenges facing both the composting and packaging industries. The report is available for \$50.00 and is free for SPC member companies. [Download Now](#)

### COMPASS Version 2.0 To Be Released Next Wednesday

On June 23, the SPC will release the new version of its COMPASS® web application, which allows packaging professionals to compare the environmental impacts of package designs. Already being used by over 80 leading global companies, Version 2.0 of the application will allow users to:

- Track post-conversion distribution impacts based on mode of transport and vehicle.
- Compare single use scenarios with refill options.
- Assess environmental profile of multi-pack scenarios.
- Export a detailed project report file.

In addition, users of COMPASS will notice a new and

### Welcome New Members

[iGPS](#)

[Merck](#)

[SIG Combibloc](#)

### SPC Events

[Open Forum Call: Earthster – An Open Source for Life Cycle Assessment](#)  
with Greg Norris, Founder and Director, Sylvatica  
June 24, 2010  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm EDT

[SPC Fall Members-Only Meeting](#)  
Phoenix, AZ  
September 13-14, 2010

[Essentials of Sustainable Packaging](#)  
Toronto, ON  
September 28-29, 2010

### Events of Interest

[Sustainable Packaging Forum](#)  
September 14-16, 2010  
Phoenix, AZ

### News of Interest

[Special Report on BPA in Packaging](#)

improved user interface that is designed to improve workflow and reduce the time it takes to assemble a project for assessment. We will hold a webinar in July to introduce any interested individuals to COMPASS and its new features. [More Information](#)

## Essentials of Sustainable Packaging

After a successful session in New York at the Fashion Institute of Technology this week, the SPC's next [Essentials of Sustainable Packaging](#) course will be taught in Toronto on September 28-29. In addition, GreenBlue continues to provide cost-effective, customized Essentials of Sustainable Packaging seminars and courses. Please contact [Anne Bedarf](#) for details.

## SPC Fall Meeting Save the Date: September 13-14

SPC members are asked to save the date for our Fall Meeting September 13-14 in Phoenix, Arizona. We will be posting agenda details and opening registration in July. Stay tuned for more details!

## SPC and GreenBlue in the News

### US Composters Call for Better Bioplastics Labelling

*European Plastics News* – June 10, 2010

The survey 'Compostable Packaging: The Reality on the Ground', compiled by The Sustainable Packaging Coalition, found that composters are generally in favour of compostable packaging but 10% only accept it on a limited, pilot basis because of problems with contamination. [Read More](#)

### Sustainability: Can Compostable Packaging Work?

SPC Monthly Column in *Packaging Digest* – June 9, 2010

While most of the packaging world is focused on improving packaging recycling rates, the U.S. EPA's 2008 snapshot of our country's municipal solid waste stream shows that organics dominate... Packagers can redirect those materials from a negative end-of-life fate to a beneficial one by designing compostable packaging. [Read More](#)

### Report Outlines Compostable Packaging Challenges

*FoodProductionDaily.com* – June 7, 2010

Limited infrastructure and a lack of consistent regulation between states are just two of several unresolved challenges to making compostable packaging a reality, said a report from the Sustainable Packaging Coalition

[Packaging](#)

*Reuters* – June 9, 2010

[CA Assembly Passes Ban on Single-Use Grocery Bags](#)

*Environmental Leader* – June 3, 2010

[The Future of Compostable Packaging for QSRs](#)

*QSR* – June 1, 2010

[Cardboard Used For Ethanol Fuel](#)

*Earth911.com* – June 1, 2010

[Making Packaging Sustainable](#)

*Medical Device Summit* – May 18, 2010

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