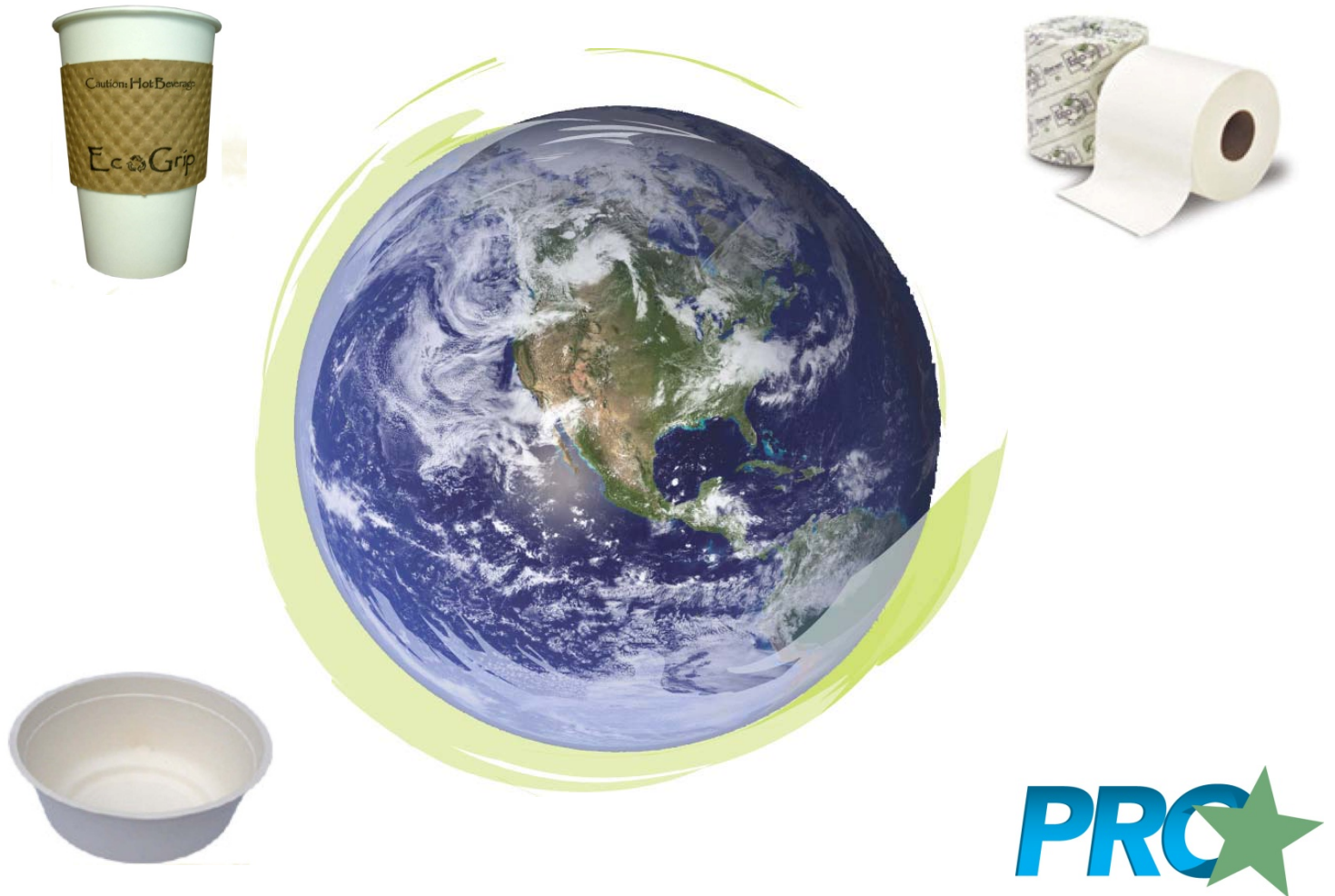


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Biodegradable → Products & items that break down into elements found in nature.

No certifications available.

Compostable – Products that will break down in short time periods (generally 30-120 days) under certain conditions (usually heat, moisture & movement).

Certifications include: OK! Compost, ASTM D 6400, BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute), individual compost facilities



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Recyclable – Products that can be reused, reconditioned, or remanufactured into another product.

Recycled – Products that are created from material that has been recycled

- Pre-consumer: leftover waste from manufacturing (mill scraps)
- Post-consumer: items that have been used, and are returned through a recycling program (newspapers, copy paper)



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The Eco-Products’ product line is *environmentally-preferred* to other disposables for two primary reasons:

- 1) Products are created from **renewable resources**
- 2) Products are commercially **compostable**



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Renewable Resources

- Materials that naturally regenerate, or can be grown, in short periods of time
- Example: corn & sugarcane – both take only 12-18 months to grow to full maturity

Other disposables are created from Non-Renewable Resources, like:

- Petroleum
- Oil
- Fossil Fuels



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Compostable

- In specific conditions (heat, moisture, movement) products break-down into organic matter (soil)
- If composted, the products decrease our waste-stream – less waste goes to landfills

