

Biodegradable Cutlery Market Size, Share & Trends Analysis Report By Raw Material (Wood, Husk, Paper, Plastic), By Region (North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, Middle East & Africa), And Segment Forecasts, 2026 - 2033

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Abstracts

The global biodegradable cutlery market size was estimated at USD 46.8 million in 2025 and is expected to reach USD 87.6 million by 2033, growing at a CAGR of 8.3% from 2026 to 2033. Rising environmental awareness is a major growth driver, as consumers increasingly recognize the long-term damage caused by plastic waste, landfill accumulation, and marine pollution, leading them to prefer compostable and naturally degradable alternatives that do not generate microplastics.

At the same time, government policies and plastic bans across many countries are accelerating the shift away from single-use plastics by enforcing strict regulations, restrictions, and penalties, compelling foodservice providers and retailers to adopt biodegradable options.

Companies are increasingly integrating eco-friendly cutlery into their corporate social responsibility (CSR) strategies to demonstrate environmental commitment and reduce their operational footprint. Businesses in the hospitality, foodservice, and retail sectors are replacing conventional plastic utensils with biodegradable alternatives, particularly from the growing bamboo cutlery market, which offers durable, natural, and compostable solutions to align with sustainability goals, comply with green standards, and appeal to environmentally conscious consumers. This shift not only helps minimize waste but also strengthens brand reputation, builds customer trust, and differentiates companies in a competitive, sustainability-focused market.

Innovation and product diversity are playing a key role in the growth of the biodegradable cutlery industry, with manufacturers introducing new formats such as edible cutlery, compostable plant-based materials, and enhanced bamboo or fiber-based variants to improve durability, functionality, and sustainability. These advancements not only reduce environmental impact but also cater to evolving consumer preferences for convenient, waste-free dining solutions, helping brands differentiate their offerings while supporting the broader shift toward sustainable and eco-friendly foodservice practices.

In India, several companies are making edible, eco-friendly cutlery mainstream as part of this trend, blending sustainability with local enterprise and social impact. For example, Kerala-based Thoosan produces edible tableware from wheat bran that can either be eaten or biodegraded without harm, reducing single-use plastic waste and providing additional income to farmers. Likewise, Bangalore-based Gajamukha Foods' EdiblePRO offers over 80 natural, zero-waste cutlery variants made from grains and pulses, supporting rural employment while promoting sustainable consumption habits. These initiatives highlight how innovative, consumable cutlery products are gaining traction and contributing to broader sustainable dining and environmental goals.

Compostable cutlery and tableware are the best alternatives to non-biodegradable plastics and are one of the emerging green businesses. The rising awareness of the adverse effects of non-biodegradable plastic includes severe consequences for aquatic animals. This is one of the major drivers of market growth. For instance, according to the data provided by the U.S., more than 8 million tons of plastic is dumped into the ocean every year globally. Another global report suggests there may already be more than 5.25 trillion micro- and macroplastic particles in the ocean. These adverse effects drive the usage of biodegradable materials.

Global Biodegradable Cutlery Market Report Segmentation

This report forecasts revenue growth at the global, regional & country levels and provides an analysis of the latest trends and opportunities in each sub-segment from 2021 to 2033. For this study, Grand View Research has segmented the biodegradable cutlery market report based on raw material and region:

Raw Material Outlook (Revenue, USD Million, 2021 - 2033)

Wood

Husk

Paper

Plastic

Others

Regional Outlook (Revenue, USD Million, 2021 - 2033)

North America

U.S.

Canada

Mexico

Europe

UK

Germany

France

Spain

Italy

Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

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