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Product testing

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CARDBOARD

(pizza boxes or french fry holders)



PAPER

(sandwich wraps or microwave popcorn bags)



MOLDED FIBER

(clamshells or paper plates)

Ahead of the curve

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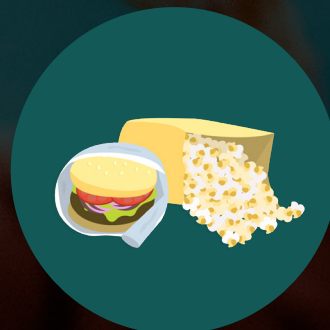
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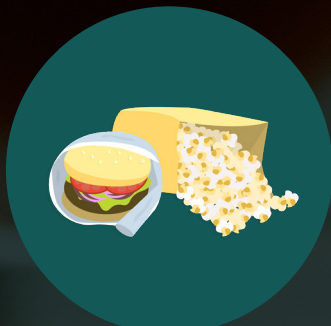
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