

"COMP-LETE" Compostable Bags from Fortune Plastics

The newest approval by the Biodegradable Products Institute

New York, NY May 24, 2005, Today, the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI) announced its certification of Fortune Plastics "COMP-LETE"[™] Compostable Bags. These products offer superior strength and compostability, as well as availability through Fortune's established distributor network. BPI's "Compostable Logo" is awarded to products that meet ASTM D6400, assuring end users and composters that the bags will biodegrade swiftly and safely during municipal, commercial, or household composting.



Fortune has been busy for the past few years test marketing a similar product made by their sister company in Germany. This technology has now been brought to the United States and production has begun. "Made from MATER BI[™] material, this product has been proven to outperform anything else on the market today," said Ed Gillespie, President of Fortune Plastics. "COMP-LETE[™] passes current ASTM 6400 requirements with flying colors," said Gillespie.

Compostable bags and liners carrying the BPI symbol, such as COMP-LETE's are ideal for collecting food scraps and yard trimmings for composting. They disintegrate and biodegrade quickly and safely and will not leave plastic residues in the finished compost. "With the growing number of BPI approved products, purchasers and end users will find it easier than ever before to use products that offer superior performance and are tailored to source separated collection programs", stated Steve Mojo, BPI Executive Director. "Today, residential and commercial food scrap programs are in place from San Francisco, CA to Prince Edward Island, Canada," Mojo added.

Replacing non-degradable trash bags with compostable ones, helps composters reduce processing, separation and disposal costs, while keeping consumers collection bins clean, which encourages participation. "While the COMP-LETE™ product is presented at a higher price-point than conventional bags, its value is justified by the fact that it has broken through the myth that trash bags will not degrade," said Andy Miles, Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

COMP-LETE™ bags can now be purchased through any of the thousands of Fortune Plastics distributors throughout the country. "Our distributors will need to work with their customers to establish buying patterns and to make sure that they have adequate stock of COMP-LETE bags to meet their needs," added Miles.

In business since 1955, Fortune Plastics is a management owned company with plants in Chicago, Phoenix, Nashville, Orlando and Old Saybrook, CT.

BPI is a multi-stakeholder group, involving people and organizations that produce, use or recover biodegradable plastic products. It promotes the growth of biodegradable plastics through education, use of scientifically-based standards and cooperative efforts with organizations in Europe and Asia.

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