



## **Pet Pouch Bags & Dispensers - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How Long Do Plastics Take to Decompose?**

It all depends on the composition of the plastic material. In some cases, it is estimated that some of the more commonly used plastic items may take up to 1,000 years to decompose. Some manufacturers use corn starch in their plastics, which is very harmful to our environment. With the use of EPI's proprietary Totally Degradable Plastic Additives (TDPA™), Pet Pouch Bags are completely eco-friendly and don't produce methane like those with corn starch. More information about this exclusive technology can be found at EPI's website, we've provided a handy link to them for you on our links page, just in case you're interested.

### **Why Are Plastics Made With Corn Starch Not Good?**

It's true that corn starch added to bags allows them to decompose quicker. However, when these types of bags decompose, they produce methane as a by-product, which is many times more harmful to our environment and global warming than carbon dioxide. The next time someone tries to tell you that bags made with corn starch are better for our environment, tell them they've been sniffing a little too much methane! The fact is methane is over 2000% worse than carbon dioxide on causing global warming.

### **What's the Difference Between Methane & Carbon Dioxide?**

Methane is produced from both man-made and natural sources. According to the U.S. EPA, methane is over 20 times more effective in trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide, and it remains in our atmosphere for between 9-15 years. We have provided on our links page a shortcut to the EPA's web page on methane.

### **What's Different in CA About Eco-Friendly Bags?**

California decided to apply ASTM D6400-04 to plastic bags sold within the state, with the major problem being this test was designed in 2004 with respect to composting industrial and commercial plastics, and never intended to be applied in the manner in which CA has chosen.

Let's think about this for a moment. ASTM D6400 says that 60% decomposition is required within 6 months. This means that such bags don't have any shelf life and actually start to break down before they can be used, in many cases. Wouldn't you rather be caught holding *just* the bag? With our bags, it stays in the bag, not in your hands!

While EcoGreen has ASTM D6400 certified bag technology, these bags cost about 500% more to produce, and most customers aren't willing to spend that much more for a bag that has no real storage & service life. Don't believe the false claims about bags using corn starch being more environmentally friendly. CA is the only state in the USA where Pet Pouch Bags and other manufacturers of similar products cannot legally claim they are biodegradable or compostable, due to CA choosing not to be in tune with environmental reality.

Pet Pouch Bags are the accepted, more earth-friendly alternative in 49 other states and Canada, as oxo-biodegradable... but not in CA. Plastics using EPI's "technology in tune with nature™" are unique, because they use what is naturally in nature to break down plastics quickly. Any competitor selling their bags in CA



as "oxo-biodegradable", "biodegradable", "degradable" or "compostable" which are NOT ASTM D6400 compliant are simply breaking the law in CA, and subject to significant fines.

EcoGreen Pet Pouch Bags are safer for our environment and good for our earth. Much more information is available on the EPI website about how this works. Please visit our Links page for quick and easy access.

### **What Other Dispensers Do Pet Pouch Bags Fit?**

There are a number of pet waste bag dispensers being used, with a majority of them holding boxes which contain typically 200 bags per roll. Pet Pouch Bags are made to easily fit any of these standard dispensers, and if you have another type of dispenser, then you might be interested in speaking with us to see how you can get FREE EcoGreen Pet Pouch Dispensers.

### **How Much Can I Save By Using Pet Pouch Bags?**

Quite a few customers are currently report paying up to 6¢ or more per bag from other sources, and many of these are NOT good for our environment at all. EcoGreen Pet Pouch Bags cost as little as 2½¢ per bag, or less in volume. Why would anyone want to pay 240% more for a bag that's might not be as eco-friendly? We're sure that once you compare EcoGreen Pet Pouch Bags to whatever you might be using now, there's really no comparison, and we'll be happy to provide you with the best and most "green" bag, while saving a whole lot of "green" in your pocket. If you'd like, we'll be happy to provide you a cost comparison report, if you provide the current cost you're paying per bag (including sales tax and delivery), and how many you use per month or year.

### **What Are the Benefits of EcoGreen Pet Pouch Dispensers?**

Many other pet waste bag dispensers are made of steel or plastic. Steel can rust and deteriorate fairly rapidly outside in the natural elements, with sun and rain playing their role. Plastic dispensers can warp or be affected by natural sunlight, heat, UV rays, rain and can become brittle over time. EcoGreen Pet Pouch Dispensers are made from heavy duty aluminum, so they won't rust or warp. Available in 4 different colors, all are powder coated for long lasting beauty and durability, and they hold a lot more bags than competitor's dispensers so they won't run out of bags and require re-filling as often. The sign and usage information is printed right on the face of the dispenser, so in many cases an additional sign is not necessary.

### **How Many Bags Do Pet Pouch Dispensers Hold?**

Some other popular pet waste bag dispensers hold and dispense only 2 rolls of bags, making a maximum of 400 bags available, only if 2 brand new boxes are stocked. Many times, both boxes are partially full, leaving far less available and often running out. EcoGreen Pet Pouch Dispensers dispense up to 600 bags (3 rolls = 50% more) and hold up to 1,000 bags (5 rolls = 250% more), so running out of bags and frequent re-stocking can be eliminated. We have received information from some customers that their maintenance personnel are able to frequently re-stock our dispensers with the extra 2 boxes stored, so they typically reduce by 50% the number of times they have to carry extra boxes with them for dispenser servicing. This all translates to less costs, and a better bottom line.



## **Why Does EcoGreen Give Away Free Dispensers?**

We'll either give you a Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser for FREE as part of a Complete Station, or offer you the lowest price anywhere for the heavy-duty Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser, with every case of Pet Pouch Bags purchased. If you're looking for the lowest cost to get started, first decide if you need just the Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser or a Complete Station (including Waste Can, Sign, Post, Installation & Sign Hardware). If all you need is the Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser, for every case of Pet Pouch Bags you purchase, we'll offer you a Pet Pouch Dispenser for as low as \$39.90 (prepaid order). If you need the Pet Pouch Bags Complete Station, simply buy the other items to make up the Complete Station along with your case of Pet Pouch Bags, and your Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser is FREE. It doesn't matter if you need a 10-roll case or a 30-roll case, this makes it easy and economical to get started using Pet Pouch Bags and saving money. Whether it's a FREE Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser for your Complete Station, or the lowest cost, highest capacity Pet Pouch Bags Dispenser for as low as \$39.90, you're not going to find a better deal than this anywhere, and we're sure you'll be a happy Pet Pouch Bags customer for life!

## **What Delivery Options Are Available?**

Our warehouse facility is located in Southern California's San Diego County, and we typically maintain inventory to meet any of our typical customer's needs. We use UPS for most of our deliveries, offering competitive rates due to our shipping volume. For larger deliveries, we may use other trucking companies offering better pricing and availability, which gets passed on to you.

## **What Are EcoGreen's Standard Payment Terms?**

As any entity who collects payments from customers knows, it costs a lot to collect from a relatively few who may not pay on time, and these costs usually translate into higher average costs for items or services. EcoGreen's standard terms are prepayment prior to shipment of any products, to keep our prices as low as possible, and we accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards for payment. As an incentive, we also offer additional discounts for any customer who prepays, saving even more from our already low prices. If you require billing terms, please contact us so that we may assist you with obtaining the necessary credit approvals.

## **What's the Easiest Way to Start Using Pet Pouch Bags?**

If you've already got existing dispensers, you could start saving money immediately by switching over to EcoGreen Pet Pouch Bags. If you need new dispensers for new or replacement installations, we can help you out there, too. Either way, we make it very easy to get started and be the most "green" while costing the least "green." It's good for the environment, and great for your pocketbook.