

PACKAGING

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5 Point Checklist to Achieve Green Packaging



Choose efficient designs

Less packaging reduces the amount of resources needed for manufacturing and it reduces trash output—making it more eco-friendly. It also allows more items to be shipped at once, which helps reduce the carbon footprints left by shipping products.



Choose biodegradable

Biodegradable materials break down quickly and efficiently with very little impact on the environment & *recyclable packaging* and materials can be repurposed at home or recycled through literally thousands of recycling centers across the country.



Choose sustainable practicing companies

EcoSeed says, green packaging is produced in an environmentally conscious way when the company uses energy efficiently and the facility has low pollution emissions. For example, some factories harness green energy sources, such as wind power, to drive their plant's production.



Choose non-toxic packaging

Toxic chemicals are poisonous to plants, animals, and humans. If inhaled, ingested or absorbed into the skin, toxic chemicals can cause everything from a single reaction (such as coughing or wheezing) to death. In the environment, toxic chemicals can cause the greenhouse effect and climate change, ozone depletion, the build up of toxic algae in rivers, and acid rain, which poisons fish and hinders the ability of soil to support plant life.



Energy Recovery

100% Recyclable materials such as “post-consumer” paper or corrugated cardboard are a great alternative to using virgin materials. Plastics can be derived from post consumer sources as well as recycled through literally thousands of recycling centers across the country. And don't forget lots of packaging and can be repurposed at home. Check out 21 Things to do with a Cardboard Box.



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