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Cortec[®] Eco Works[®] and Eco Film[®] Recertified Compostable by BPI Just in Time for Fall Yard Cleanup and 'Greener' Packaging Needs!

Cortec® Corporation is pleased to announce the recertification of its compostable Eco Film® and Eco Works® films, bags, and resin blend by the (BPI)! Periodic



recertification is required to confirm that these plastic films and bags continue to meet the specifications of the <u>ASTM D 6400</u> standard for compostability in a municipal or industrial composting facility. This assures that the film and bags biodegrade at an appropriate rate without ecotoxicity to the plants, soils, or microorganisms involved in the process. Eco Film® and Eco Film® Bags, Eco Works® Film and Bags, and Eco Works® Resin are certified compostable under BPI certificates #890974-1 (film and bags) and #890974-6 (resin blend).



The demand for compostable packaging has been heavily increasing in the last several years due to greater concerns for plastics pollution and sustainability. This has been reflected by more and more plastic bag bans around the world, including recently tightening restrictions in the <u>European Union</u>. It is also seen in voluntary efforts such as the recently launched <u>U.S. Plastics Pact</u>, which calls on industry stakeholders to work towards having all plastic packaging be either reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2025.

Eco Film® and Eco Works® have already taken a giant step toward helping industries and consumers achieve these goals with compostable films that can be used for shopping bags, product packaging, yard waste collection, and increasingly popular organics composting programs. Even better, with Eco Works®, Cortec® is already well on its way to reaching industry goals of having an average of 30% recycled or biobased content by the year 2025. This is because Cortec's Eco Works® 10 and Eco Works® 30 films contain 10% and 30% biopolymer sourced from annually renewable feedstocks.





Although many users voluntarily want to find ways to lower their environmental impact, increasing regulatory mandates and corporate initiatives are also likely to heighten demand for more eco-friendly packaging like Eco Film® and Eco Works®. This will be seen as more large corporations, retailers, and automakers investigate ways to replace single-use plastics with compostable packaging. Eco Film® and Eco Works® are already here to make that goal a reality.

A good example of successful Eco Film® adoption was seen as early as 2011 when the Minnesota Zoo in Cortec's home state set up a "Green Team" to promote sustainability. One of their projects was to start a

composting program to divert food waste and reduce the amount of trash going to area landfills. They tried out a variety of compostable plastics and found that Eco Film® met all their needs, in addition to being made by a local company. The zoo launched the program in 2011 using Eco Film® to collect food waste from employees, staff, and their catering service.



Cortec® has a long history as a leader in environmentally responsible packaging and corrosion solutions, including various patents in the US, Europe, and Canada for biodegradable film developments in the early 2000s. Cortec® continues to refine its film technology and is eager to meet compostable packaging needs for any industry—whether automotive, retail packaging, yard waste cleanup, or something else! Contact Cortec® today for help fighting plastics pollution with certified compostable Eco Film® and Eco Works® Film and Bags, available from Cortec® Advanced Films (USA) and EcoCortec® (Europe)

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Learn more about Eco Works® Resin here:

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To learn more about the local Minnesota Zoo Eco Film® initiative, please visit:

https://www.corteccasehistories.com/?s2member_file_download=access-s2member-level1/ch396.pdf

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