

Bigelow Tea is a 100% family-owned company now in its third generation. While our philosophy of “doing the right thing” has included large scale plans like generating our own power through the installation of solar panels, it often means doing smaller things as well. We believe that small things, over time, add up! It is also our hope that our efforts might inspire others to take similar steps to protect our environment.

Below are some of the things Bigelow does to honor its commitment to sustainability.

Cynthia R. Bigelow
President Bigelow Tea

Paper Filter Bag

100% compostable

Bleach Free & Dioxin Free

Both the soft woods and the Abaca are 100% sustainable.



Overwrap

Bigelow Tea is all about flavor. The pouch is the exact right mixture of paper, foil and resins needed to provide a barrier against ambient air and moisture that guarantees consumers optimum freshness and flavor for up to three years.

In our continuing effort to reduce consumption of resources, we recently reduced the thickness of foil in our structure by 12% -- saving 55,000 pounds of aluminum annually, without compromising the quality or flavor of our tea.

Outer Cases

Our shippers are made from 100% recyclable material using water-based glues.

- 100% compostable
- 100% biodegradable
- can be recycled **up to 6 times**



Paper Tag

100% compostable.

Printed with water-based inks.

All scrap is recycled.

85%
of our packaging
is
**Compostable,
Biodegradable or
Recyclable**

Staple

Staples are made of non-toxic aluminum.

The staple accounts for less than 1% of total packaging.

String

100% compostable.

Our 100% Cotton string is harvested from individually owned farms and cooperatives.

Cotton is a natural, sustainable product.

Not all of our string is bleached but when it is, it is done through a process using oxygenated water. No chrome is used in the process.

The paraffin used on our string is compostable, biodegradable and non-toxic.

Folding Carton

The paperboard and water-based inks used are 100% compostable.

Each acre of forest harvested is reforested by replanting or managing natural regeneration – 400 Million tree seedlings are planted each year.

No wood from old growth or endangered species is used.

68% of the energy used to produce paperboard comes from renewable sources.

Our supplier recycles over 60,000 tons of paper annually.

