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EPP Rapid Research Polypropylene Shopping Bags Inner Monkey Custom T's, WA

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Request:

Nancy Eisenhart from Inner Monkey Custom T's requested research assistance on identifying manufacturers of polypropylene shopping bags that are environmentally preferable. The ideal bag would be strong enough to be re-used over time, made of a high percentage of recycled propylene, as well as being recyclable.

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Manufacturers:

Atlantic Poly manufactures poly bags from Post Consumer and Post Industrial Scrap (At least 30% recycled content)

http://www.atlanticpoly.com/recycled_poly_bags.aspx

BioBags are an alternative material that is compostable and biodegradable.

http://www.biobagusa.com/Consumer.htm?qclid=CL_jidSA9YkCFRZlggod7IBWKQ#order

Plastic Bagmart, "We're your first (and last!) stop for recycled bags! Carrying virtually any size or style of recycled bags, we're sure to be able to accommodate any recycled bags need you have."

<http://www.bagmart.com/recycled-bags/>

Additional Resources:

Plastic Shopping Bag, Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastic_shopping_bag

Plastic Shopping Bag Report, Zero Waste Alliance

<http://www.zerowaste.co.nz/assets/Reports/PlasticShoppingBagsandbiodegradablepackaging.pdf>

Criteria for Purchasing Decision Making

- Product performance
- Recycled Content
- Recyclability
- Cost