

The Green Dream

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NEWS FROM ABSECON MILLS INC.



Plastic bottles...



Chopped up in to chips...



Made into pellets...



Melted and extruded to make yarn...



Woven into beautiful fabrics...



Then at the end of the cycle, fabric is transformed into plastic products.

Absecon's Environmental Initiative

It's no secret that all of us at Absecon Mills have a deep concern for our environment and are focused on minimizing our environmental footprint to the highest degree. That's why we weave with wind power, why we focus on lean manufacturing and reducing waste, and why we are focused not only on recycled products, but on recycling our own as well.

If you have looked at our web site or read the many articles that have been published about our efforts, then you are probably familiar with the polypropylene story... the fact that it is made out of a by-product of gasoline manufacturing (which would normally be introduced into the waste stream) and that it can be recycled and used to manufacture such things as flower pots, water filters and under-hood auto parts.

Previously, we had been offering a recycling service in conjunction with American Fibers and Yarns. Many of our customers asked us what it meant for the recycling program when AFY closed. Well, we quickly found a recycling center on our own and the program has moved to the new facility seamlessly.

DID YOU KNOW THAT BLAZEGARD IS GREEN?

Even though it is made to pass the most stringent upholstered furniture fire standards in the world (including California TB 133 and British Standard BS 5852), BlazeGard is environmentally friendly and contains no PBDEs; and it achieves all this without compromising performance. BlazeGard combines 'green' flame retardant technology with intumescent chemistry to produce the most effective non-halogen flame barrier available.

INTRODUCING REPREVE YARNS.

In addition to the continuing recycling program, Absecon is introducing more and more recycled yarns. Here's a little information on Repreve, the recycled polyester in our Cantara II Collection...

- Repreve is made from 100% recycled materials, offsetting the need to use new crude oil. When you buy products made with Repreve, you're supporting a company that will conserve the equivalent of 10,000,000 gallons of gas by 2010, by making recycled yarns. On average, one pound of Repreve conserves the equivalent of .5 gallons of gasoline.
- Repreve requires less energy to produce. Crude oil refining is a long process that consumes precious natural resources and energy—far more than it takes to process recycled materials into Repreve.
- As a member of 1% For The Planet, Repreve purchases help donate to environmental causes.

Absecon Mills and Repreve are a perfect pairing... doing all we can to reuse materials already made from precious natural resources. With today's concerns about the environment, reducing demand is better for everyone.

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