

GREENY® COMPOSTABLE UNDERPADS

The compostable, breathable alternative to traditional, single use underpads

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MEDICAL AUSTRALIA

Traditional, plastic-backed Bluey and Pinky underpads play a vital role in healthcare, however they have long been scrutinised - not only for their 'sweatiness', but for their environmental impact.

Blueys and Pinkies are extremely high-turnover consumables. A recent procurement audit of numerous Australian hospitals (conducted by sustainable healthcare advocacy group, TRA2SH⁵) found that between 15,600 and 96,000 Blueys were used at each site per year, relative to the number of theatres. With 1350 hospitals in Australia alone, that equates to roughly **75 million Blueys (over 1,950 tonnes) every year, taking over 100 years to break down** when disposed in landfill.⁴ And that's just Blueys, not larger, thicker Pinkies.

Like plastic underpads, the Greeny is designed to:

- Trap and contain liquids - protecting bedding, clothing and other surfaces from soilage and contamination.
- Provide an absorbent surface on which to perform clinical procedures.

But beyond that, Greenies are:

- **Compliant with AS 4736 compostability standards**, due to a cornstarch-based bioplastic backing and 5-ply paper fluff pulp top layer, sourced from responsibly managed forests.^{1,2}
- **60% more absorbent** and **14 times more breathable** than 5-ply Blueys.¹
- **63% better for sweat management** than Pinkies.¹ Due to a higher 'water vapour permeability', Greenies reduce the tendency for a patient's skin to sweat like it would on a plastic-backed underpad, thereby reducing the risk of skin breakdown and associated injuries.³

Together, this means that Greenies can remain in place for longer - reducing underpad turnover - while providing a safer, more comfortable patient experience, with less residual impact on our environment.^{1,2,3}

GREENY COMPOSTABLE UNDERPAD AS 4736 Compliant

Small - 30cm x 40cm

- **Box of 300pcs:** 6 bags of 50pcs
- **Approx weight:** 15g
- **Total fluid holding capacity:** approx. 100ml¹

Code: **BIOPAD3040-SMALL**

Regular - 40cm x 57cm

- **Box of 250pcs:** 5 bags of 50pcs
- **Approx weight:** 29g
- **Total fluid holding capacity:** approx. 200ml¹

Code: **BIOPAD5PLY6040**

Large - 57cm x 90cm

- **Box of 150pcs:** 6 bags of 25pcs
- **Approx weight:** 75g
- **Total fluid holding capacity:** approx. 400ml¹

Code: **BIOPAD6090-LARGE**



Samples of these products are available for hospital, aged care and healthcare representatives to trial. Contact us for your samples today.



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TEST RESULTS

Fluid Absorption

AWTA 62-1994 Section 4 Fluid Absorption Capacity	5-ply Bluey 60cm x 40cm	8-ply Bluey 60cm x 40cm	Greeny 57cm x 40cm
Percentage Fluid Absorption	397%	499%	552%
Total Product Fluid Holding Capacity	0.1 L	0.1 L	0.2 L
Fluid Holding Capacity	0.5 litre/m ²	0.7 litre/m ²	0.8 litre/m ²

HOW TO DISPOSE OF A USED GREENY

Green Waste/Compost Bin <i>(if not contaminated with bodily fluids)</i>	✓
Clinical Waste Bin (Incineration Stream) <i>(if contaminated with bodily fluids)</i>	✓
General Waste Bin <i>(if not contaminated with bodily fluids)</i>	✓
Recycling Bin	✗

Breathability

AWTA ASTM E96-2016 Water Vapour Transmission/Breathability (Water Method)	5-ply Bluey	Greeny
Mean Water Vapour Transmission	8.968 g/24h.m ²	126.306 g/24h.m ²



For further information about Greeny use and disposal, please refer to the Instructions for Use and Greeny Disposal Guide/Wall Poster.



Sweat Management

ISO 11092-2014 Thermal Insulation (Guarded Hot Plate Test) Water Vapour Resistance	Competitor 'Pink Absorbable Underpad' (Pinky)	Greeny
Mean Fabric Water Vapour Resistance (Ret)	693.53 m ² Pa/W	255.62 m ² Pa/W



WHAT IS A COMPOSTABLE PRODUCT?

A compostable product is one capable of breaking down into soil, within **180 days**, leaving no toxicity behind.^{6,7}

- Breaks down completely into all natural elements - 90% or more to CO₂ with the remaining going to water and biomass = valuable compost
- No micro-plastics
- No toxicity in soil

1. Test data and/or certification on file.

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