

BIODEGRADABLE TEA SACHET

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Harney & Sons has committed to modifying an entire product line to make their product more environmentally friendly. Due to constraints with the machine that makes the sachets, a biodegradable plastic is being used to replace the nylon material currently used. This material does not impart flavor into the tea and meets the specs of their machine saving the company the cost of acquiring a new machine. Since the company needs only to change the material used to make the sachets, the company's production will not be affected by the switch to the new material.

With this success in our pockets, we continue to work with Harney & Sons on improving and reducing their product packaging. We will be helping generate ideas for alternative packaging from the warehouse, to the retail shelves, to the consumer's house. Working together we will be generating a life cycle plan for the product and the packaging with the goals of reducing and recycling.