



# Cork Information Sheet

Cork is a biobased alternative to fossil-fuel based materials (such as the most common forms of plastic). Due to a broad range of benefits, Cork is widely recognised as a more environmentally conscious alternative to your standard plastic and wooden options.



## Eco Credentials

- Cork is **recyclable and renewable** (absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and replacing it with oxygen).
- Cork trees can be **harvested every 9 years for a period of over 200 years**.
- The **harvesting process does not harm** cork trees at all and **involves very little processing** (as well as the **reuse of waste**).
- Harvested cork trees **absorb 3-5 times more CO2** during the bark regeneration process than unharvested trees do normally.
- Cork tree forests provide **long term habitat protection for hundreds of animal and plant species** (including various endangered species).
- Cork is believed to possess **antibacterial, antimicrobial and hypoallergenic** properties.
- Most Cork products are **suitable for dying with natural/vegetable-based dyes**.