



EARTH KIT FACT SHEET

HOW DO EARTH KITS DIFFER FROM STANDARD BIRTHING KITS?

- An additive called EcoPure® will be incorporated into the manufacturing process for the plastic sheets and bags. All other items in the Earth Kit, including gloves, scalpel, soap and cord ties will be the same as a standard birthing kit.
- EcoPure® is an additive composed of organic compounds that attract microbes and accelerate the biodegradation of treated plastics when placed in a microbe-rich environment such as landfill. It creates an opportunity for microbes to utilise the plastic as food.
- EcoPure® does not affect the shelf life of treated plastic products and is completely nontoxic.
- There are NO enzymes or microbes within the EcoPure® additive.
- Plastics made with EcoPure® are biodegradable in both aerobic and anaerobic environments.
- EcoPure® is a combination of true organic compounds coming from oil and other nutrients found in the environment
- All the organic compounds contained in EcoPure® are considered safe for food contact and have no known adverse health effects.

OTHER RELATED INFORMATION

- The plastic bags will be larger and sturdier than the current ones, to facilitate easier assembly and shipping of the kits.
- The plastic sheets will be green in colour to signify the environmental focus.
- In collaboration with the Carbon Neutral Charitable Fund, BKFA has pledged to plant 10 trees in Australia for every 200 Earth Kits that are packed by volunteers.

WHEN WILL EARTH KITS BE AVAILABLE TO PACK?

- Organisations/clubs and corporates that would like to pack Earth Kits instead of standard birthing kits can register their interest via email to info@bkfa.org.au
- Earth Kit materials will be in stock and ready to dispatch to volunteer coordinators from the end of April 2020.
- Earth Kits are \$10 per kit.