

BPI-Certified Compostable Bag Top Picks



The Macalester-Groveland Community Council set out to test all the BPI-certified compostable bags available at local retail stores to find the best, most affordable picks for small, medium, and large compostable bags. Read to below to see what made the cut!

Disclaimers: opinions expressed below are based on in-home testing by our staff, volunteers, and program participants. We update this guide regularly, but please keep in mind that store prices and availability may vary.

Small Size Top Picks:



Bag to Nature—3 gallon bags

- Testers loved that these bags are...
 - Very moisture resistant
 - Strong
 - Affordable
 - Easy to open and use
- Cons? None—we think these are a great option!
- ~\$4.10 to \$5.00/box of 20 bags (\$0.21to \$0.25/bag)
- Available at Target (University Ave) and Lund's (Ford Pkwy)



Eco Safe Compostable Bags—2.5 gallon bags

- Testers loved that these bags are...
 - Fairly moisture resistant
 - Strong
 - Affordable
 - Fairly easy to tear off a roll and open
- Cons? Slightly less strong but still a good option!
- ~ \$5.00/ box of 25 bags (\$0.20/bag)
- Available at Ace Hardware (Grand Ave)

Medium Size Top Picks:



Eco Safe Compostable Bags—13 gallon bags

- Testers loved that these bags are...
 - Fairly moisture resistant
 - Affordable
- Cons? It can be VERY tricky to tear these off a roll without ripping them in half lengthwise. Once off the roll, they work well.
- ~ \$6.00/ box of 12 bags (\$0.50/bag)
- Available at Ace Hardware (Grand Ave)

Medium Size Top Picks Continued



Bag to Nature—13 gallon bags

- Testers loved that these bags are...
 - Very moisture resistant
 - Very strong, especially for a medium size bag
 - Easy to open and use
- Cons? A bit more expensive and harder to find
- ~\$9.40/box of 15 bags (\$0.63/bag)
- Available at Lund's (Ford Pkwy)

Large Size Top Picks



Bag to Nature—33 gallon bags

- Testers loved that these bags are...
 - Very moisture resistant
 - Strong, especially for such a large bag
 - Affordable for a large bag
 - Easy to open and use
- Cons? Prices vary but we think these are a great option!
- ~\$8.00 to \$10.49/box of 10 bags (\$0.80to \$1.49/bag)
- Available at Target (University Ave) and Lund's (Ford Pkwy)



Al-Pack—33 gallon bags

- Testers loved that these bags are...
 - Moisture resistant
 - Fairly strong, especially for such a large bag
 - Easy to open and use
- Cons? Slightly more expensive, but still a good option for large bags.
- ~\$5.00/box of 5 bags (\$1.00/bag)
- Available at Ace Hardware on Grand Ave

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