



BOUNCE RUBBER
BANDS®

Sustainability



Bounce Rubber Bands® source high-quality natural rubber from Thailand where it is commercially produced in plantations. Bounce Rubber Bands® are made from a natural, renewable and biodegradable resource, making our product sustainable and eco-friendly.

EcoSpecifier

EcoSpecifier Global is an international ecological product and services third-party auditor. Under the EcoSpecifier framework, Bounce Rubber Bands® satisfied basic criteria under multiple categories including corporate responsibility, habitat and biodiversity, conservation and resource depletion management.

Social Responsibility

Our 'Bounce Back' program is a social responsibility initiative aimed at giving back to the two countries that have helped Bounce Rubber Bands® grow and exceed. Each financial year we donate a percentage per bag sold to charities of our choice. For more details visit - www.bouncerubberbands.com.au/bounce-back.

Sustainability Awards

In 2018, Bounce Rubber Bands® were recognised for our sustainability efforts and awarded Excellence in Sustainability at the 2018 Regional Business Excellence Awards.



BUSINESS AWARDS
2018 REGIONAL WINNER



BUSINESS AWARDS
2018 STATE FINALIST



Sustainable
Production

Rubber trees reach maturity at 6 years of age and have 24-25 years of productive life. The sap used for rubber bands is harvested sustainably using a process called "tapping", which causes no harm to the trees. At the end of productive life, the tree is used for furniture and other timber products, and new trees are planted.

Sustainable
Manufacturing

Bounce Rubber Bands® make regular visits to Thailand to ensure that our suppliers are following basic Australian working and environmental standards. We work closely with suppliers to ensure we are providing an ethical product to our consumers. We are also liaising with our suppliers to have all our packaging biodegradable by 2020.

Biodegradable

Our goal is to reduce the amount of non-biodegradable rubber bands going into landfill. Synthetic rubber contains toxins that can cause environmental damage if they leach into the soil. With Bounce Rubber Bands® natural properties, you can bin your rubber bands, compost your paper package and know that they will biodegrade.

Rubber Band Lifecycle



Sourcing of Raw Materials

Natural rubber is extracted by hand using a process called "tapping". Tapping involves making an incision on alternating sides of the tree and allowing the sap to fill a bucket.



Manufacturing, Processing & Formulation

The sap is taken to a nearby factory to be filtered, hardened and mixed with additives which extends product life and makes it malleable. The rubber is then poured to size, heated, cooled, cut and packaged.



Transportation & Distribution

The finished products are packaged and sent via ship or plane to our warehouses. As an importer of rubber bands, we only buy and sell our products in bulk - limiting the amount of fossil fuels needed for distribution.



Use & Reuse

Rubber Bands can be used throughout many industries such as the office, packaging, flower, food and agricultural industries. After the initial use, rubber bands can be reused many times until it wears out and breaks.



Waste Management

Once the band finally breaks, you can discard the band in your general waste bin for it to be taken to landfill, where it will biodegrade.

