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ZERO TOXICS PRODUCT REGISTRY

Materials Disclosure Statement
for
Naturepedic Organic Pillows



GOTS-Certified
Organic Mattress and Bedding Manufacturer and Facility



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Registration of Toxic Free Product

for

Naturepedic Organic Pillows

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Valid from 1/1/19 to 1/1/20

This Registration applies to the following Naturepedic products:

- **Naturepedic Organic Pillows**

I have asked the manufacturer for a list of all materials used, and the manufacturer has acknowledged that all materials have been provided for my review.

By submitting products to the **Zero Toxics Product Registry** and paying the fees to be listed here, the manufacturer confirms that they are acting in accordance with federal Truth in Advertising laws and all information about materials is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

After examining Naturepedic products, reviewing their website and certifications, and speaking with the owners and staff, I have concluded that the products listed in this Materials Disclosure Statement are made from toxic-free materials.

Therefore, I hereby register the product in this Materials Disclosure Statement to the Zero Toxics Product Registry as “toxic-free” and unlikely to do harm to the consumer under normal use.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Debra Lynn Dadd'.

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DISCLAIMER

The purpose of this Materials Disclosure Statement is simply to make known that the products named are unlikely to do harm to the user of the products, under normal use, to the best of my knowledge. I speak not as a scientist or toxicologist, but as an educated consumer and experienced toxic-free product expert. I am not a medical doctor and I am not giving medical advice. My intent in providing this Materials Disclosure Statement is simply to offer you information that may help you as you make your own choices to eliminate toxic exposures from your home.

MAKING MATTRESSES WITHOUT TOXIC CHEMICALS IS AT THE VERY HEART OF NATUREPEDIC

The creation of a mattress that is free from questionable chemicals has been at the heart of Naturepedic from the very beginning, and this extends to all their accessory products as well.

Founder Barry A. Cik is a Board Certified Environmental Engineer who has been chasing toxic chemicals for more than forty years. He is also a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager and a Certified Diplomate Forensic Engineer, and author of a textbook for Government Institutes on environmental assessments.

In 2003, Barry was sent to a juvenile furniture store by his wife to buy a crib mattress for their first grandchild. When he walked in, Barry quickly realized that *every single crib mattress was made from polyurethane foam and vinyl*, both materials he knew contained toxic chemicals. His response to this was, “My grandfather slept on straw, and I’d rather put my grandchild on straw than on these materials.”

Barry looked far and wide for a crib mattress that he was willing to let his grandchild sleep on, and couldn’t find one. So he and his family made their own.

From these beginnings, Naturepedic went on to make mattresses and mattress accessories, without toxic chemicals, for the whole family, so everyone in the family could sleep in a bed that is free of toxic materials.

The owners of Naturepedic believe, as I do, that potentially toxic chemicals need to be eliminated from all consumer products, for the health and safety of all family members.

In addition to making mattresses and mattress accessories that are free from potentially harmful chemicals, Barry has been active in promoting reform of Federal laws regarding chemical safety, in particular the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). He was invited to testify to U.S. Congress in 2014 to help jumpstart Congressional discussions surrounding TSCA and the essentially uncontrolled uses of the 84,000 chemicals currently "legal" in the U.S. Although TSCA was updated in 2016, progress was extremely limited and Barry feels there is much more to be done.

I have spent many hours over a period of more than 10 years talking with Barry and other staff, and have visited their GOTS-certified facility. I have watched them take their toxic-free materials and use them in innovative ways to make mattresses and mattress accessories. This company understands the issues and is dedicated to eliminating toxics in their products and in the world.

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CERTIFIED ORGANIC MATTRESS AND BEDDING MANUFACTURER



While other mattress and bedding brands may be made with some organic materials, Naturepedic has gone all the way to being certified by the [Global Organic Textile Standard \(GOTS\)](#) as a **certified organic mattress and bedding manufacturer and facility**. This means that ALL the materials and processes *and the facility* in which Naturepedic mattresses and bedding are made meet the GOTS organic and nontoxic standards.



In addition to being certified organic, the GOTS certification also indicates that the materials used to make Naturepedic mattresses and bedding are validated to be [non-GMO](#).

All Naturepedic mattresses and bedding are certified organic per GOTS.

Naturepedic has complete control over what materials are used, what the work environment is like, how their mattresses and bedding are stored and shipped, and every other aspect of production.

The current certificates for all the Naturepedic certifications are available at <https://www.naturepedic.com/certifications/our-certifications>

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MATERIALS DISCLOSURE

The materials are divided by function, so the user can get a feel of their volume and importance, where the user might have direct contact with them, and where the materials would be inside and away from the user. Some materials are present only in minute amounts, such as thread or a bit of padding or a clip. These are included because even though they may be insignificant to most people, for those who are individually sensitive to these materials, their presence may be highly problematic. Evaluation of toxicity for the purpose of this statement is based on toxicological data and not individual tolerance. Use your own judgement to determine what is right for your own body.

“Functional Accessories” are things added that have a specific purpose in order to make the product useful. Without them, the main materials don’t function as the useful product. In this Materials Disclosure Statement they are called GOTS NONTOXIC ACCESSORIES and meet the GOTS requirements.

COVER



Organic
Certified by Control Union
CU864025

GOTS-Certified Organic Cotton Fabric

Certified organic [cotton](#) that meets the [USDA National Organic Program \(NOP\)](#) standard, processed in accordance with the GOTS standard.

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FILLING

There are three options for filling:

1. GOTS-Certified Organic Cotton + GOTS-Certified Organic Kapok (silk cotton)



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Organic [cotton](#) is the purest form of cotton, grown without synthetic pesticides, fertilizers, defoliants, or genetically modified organisms ([GMOs](#)). All cotton fill in Naturepedic mattresses meets the [USDA National Organic Program \(NOP\)](#) standard. It is purchased raw from U.S. farmers, then mechanically processed into GOTS-certified batts.



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Organic Kapok is the fiber from the seedpods of the tropical [kapok](#) tree, also called the “silk cotton” tree. Because it is moisture-resistant and quick-drying, it has historically been used as a stuffing for mattresses and pillows. Organic kapok does not contain significant amounts of phosphorus, which can be a problem with non-organic kapok plants grown in phosphate-treated soils.

2. GOLS-Certified Organic Latex



Organic Pillow
Made with ≥95%
Certified Organic
CU864025

After being harvested from the rubber tree, [latex](#) sap is cured into a comfortable luxurious foam. Naturepedic sources their latex only from reputable certified organic suppliers, ensuring that the latex is made from organic rubber sap. The finished latex is certified to the [Global Organic Latex Standard \(GOLS\)](#) standard.

3. GOTS-Approved Polylactide (PLA)



Fabric Contains
100% Organically
Grown Cotton
Certified by Control Union
CU864025

Plant-based [polylactide](#) is one of the three “most benign” plastics per a study done by [Clean Production Action](#). The PLA is made from non-[GMO](#) sugarcane. NOTE: The organic cotton and PLA pillow is made from GOTS-certified organic [cotton](#) fabric and GOTS-approved PLA. But this is not a GOTS-certified organic pillow because the filling material is not organic.

GOTS NONTOXIC ACCESSORIES

The fibers in a GOTS-certified product must be certified organic. However, in order to make a certified product, other materials (whether fiber or non-fiber) may also be needed for specific purposes. These other materials (called “accessories” by GOTS) are permitted as long as they are nontoxic per the GOTS standard.

GOTS-Approved Polyester

Polyester is tested to meet the GOTS nontoxic standard. This includes testing for antimony and other chemicals. Even though this accessory material is made from petroleum, it meets the GOS “nontoxic” standard.

PACKAGING

All Naturepedic mattresses and bedding are protected from exposure to toxic chemicals during shipping by being wrapped in **GOTS-Approved Food-Grade Polyethylene**. The wrapped mattress is then placed in a cardboard box for shipping.

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OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

No toxic chemicals or other unacceptable materials prohibited by GOTS or GOLS are permitted for use in Naturepedic products.

These additional certifications also show Naturepedic mattresses and bedding are free from specific substances:



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MATERIALS NOT USED

Naturepedic does not use the following materials commonly used in mattresses and bedding:

- Polyurethane foam
- Memory foam
- Soy foam, eco foam, biofoam, plant-derived foam (all of which are mostly polyurethane foam)
- Chemical flame barriers or other flame retardant chemicals
- Synthetic latex
- Vinyl and associated phthalates
- Perfluorinated compounds
- Antimony
- Formaldehyde
- Pesticides
- GMOs
- Glues/adhesives

Naturepedic products eliminate most of the petroleum-based materials or components commonly used in mainstream mattresses and bedding, with the exception of some GOTS approved materials that are required to make quality mattresses and bedding.

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Naturepedic mattresses and bedding are “handmade” in the sense that actual people are making the mattresses and bedding. That said, there are also machines that make their hand work easier, such as sewing machines. But the basic assembly of the mattresses and bedding is done by hand.

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All Naturepedic pillows are made in the USA of domestic and imported fiber, fabrics and other components. All fibers, fabrics, and other materials that can be sourced in the USA are sourced in the USA.

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for more information on toxic-free products, please visit

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