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Compostable diapers, Arizona based brand

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Hello Charity:

As you know, our family chooses compostable diapers for situations where we do not cloth diaper (such as overnight and long car trips.) Traditional diapers are not compostable or recyclable, are usually made from plastic, and can only be thrown away to a landfill. Compostable diapers (sometimes marketed as "biodegradable" although there is a lot of greenwashing that occurs in diaper marketing) do exist, and there are a few brands out there that are truly compostable. In the example of my family, we purchase a bamboo-based compostable diaper through an Arizona-based brand called Dyper. Products for human waste have to be composted in an industrial facility--it is not something that can be safely done at home or on a small scale. So we pay an additional fee to have the diapers shipped back to the company to be composted. Our monthly cost to part-time diaper my one child is about \$70.

I am fortunate to have this option for my family because the sustainability of diapering is important to me. But I recognize that this is not a viable option for all families-- to compare for full-time diapering, a box of 224 Dyper diapers is \$84, plus the \$20 composting fee. Purchasing a box of 222 disposable diapers of the same size at Costco is \$45.

Compostable diapers are a solution for families concerned about environmental impact. It is a decision that requires investment, however, as the costs associated are higher than with traditional synthetic disposable diapers. With full-time use or multiple children, it does get expensive.

Best,
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