



PET LITTER

WHAT IS IT?

Natural wood products can be used in pet litter and can be advantageous over silica-based and other clay-based litters that have been linked to health problems in both pets and humans. Eco-friendly pet litter is derived from bark, wood chunks, sawdust and non-wood fibers.

MOST COMMON USES?

The wood pellets absorb liquid from pet wastes, minimizing the smell, and form clumps with the sawdust which can be readily removed and disposed.

HOW IS IT MADE?

Wood chunks, bark and sawdust are ground and formed into pellets. Pine is the most common type of wood used in pet litter, but there are companies that use other wood types and other natural ingredients.

DESTINATION/FATE

The eco-friendliest way to dispose of wood-based pet litter is to compost it.

CONCERNS

Pet litter, natural or otherwise, should not be flushed into toilets as it can cause backups and clogs in sewer systems.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATION

- Add biochar to pet litter to reduce odor and improve animal health.
- Pet litter can be value added business opportunities for wood pellet producers of residential fuel pellets.