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What is BioEd?

A line of biodegradable plastics derived from a seaweed known as agar.

-Edible

-Decomposes quicker than regular plastics It is beneficial for the environment as it decreases plastic waste in the oceans and landfills.



Plastic

Plastic is a material consisting of any of a wide range of synthetic or semi-synthetic organic compounds that are malleable and can be molded into solid objects. Plastics are typically organic polymers of high molecular mass, but they often contain other substances. Most plastics are made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET) (C10H804).

Plastic is also notorious for its resistance to decomposition, with estimates placing its life cycle somewhere between 500 and 1,000 years. Plastic actually decomposes quicker in the ocean at cooler temps., however when plastic decomposes, it releases toxic chemicals such as bisphenol A into the water.

Agar

Agar is a jelly-like substance, derived from a seaweed called, algae. It is traditionally used as a food thickening agent and vegan gelatin replacement, and or various applications throughout the medical and scientific fields.

It can be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way, as agar absorbs and retains water quite well. Should the agar plastic end up in the oceans, it wouldn't be harmful to the environment, given its original incarnation as marine material. It is also safe for human consumption.

Algae are an interesting natural resource because they proliferate quickly. They are not impinging on food production. And they need nothing but sunlight and a bit of waste-water to grow on.



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AGAR CUPS



These cups are very similar to the average, everyday, cups we use during parties and mundane use. The cups are made from agar agar, which is a seaweed extract used in Asian cuisines to thicken jellies, sauces and desserts. It is vegetarian alternative to gelatin. The recipe is pretty simple; utilize 5 tablespoons of agar agar powder for every 2 cups of liquid you use. Then let it boil in a pot until it becomes super thick and pasty.

While it's boiling, get a hot water bath set up going. Agar agar hardens at a much higher temperature then gelatin does, so keep it as hot as you can for as long as you can. After it reaches the wallpaper-paste phase, transfer it into your hot cups.

To create the form of a cup, combine the water and agar, heat the mixture, pour it into a mold, and cool it down quickly. The H2O binds and thickens the agar when it cools, so it keeps the shape of the mold. What makes agar the ideal material is the fact it is an organic compound. Which means it will eventually become rotten and go bad like normal foods.

When the plastic is left sitting in open air, it takes about a week for it to shrink down and can sustainably decompose in soil. A plastic water bottle, on the other hand, takes more than 1,000 years to biodegrade, and in the U.S. more than 2 million tons of the containers are wasting away in landfills.





Design

REMinder



WHAT IS REMinder?

Eliminate loud noises from alarms by simply vibrating at the set time and provide sleep feedback to encourage improved sleep quality

It solves problems for those who are immune to alarm clocks, to partners who wake at different times, those who endlessly snooze alarms, and even for the deaf community.

REMinder continuously vibrates in intervals at the set time and also will be able to track sleep quality based on time spent in NREM and REM sleep, calculated from heart rate and body temperature.

	Total Sleep	NREM sleep	REM sleep
Infant	16 hours	12.8 hours	3.2 hours
Children	10-11 hours	8.4 hours	2.1 hours
Teenagers	9 hours	7.2 hours	1.8 hours
Adults	7-8 hours	6 hours	1.5 hours

ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?

How REMinder will measure sleep quality...



During NREM sleep, the individual's heart rate slows down, but during REM sleep it increases due to rapid eye movement and activity of internal body systems.



During NREM sleep, body temperature drops, but even more so during REM sleep.

Similar to a nicotine patch, the REMinder will be constructed of flexible polyvinyl chloride, allowing it to be flexible and durable on skin.

DESIGN

A medical grade, pressuresensitive adhesive will be used, such acrylate polymers, because they (1) have a low level of allergenicity, (2) are water resistant, (3) cleanly remove from skin but still stick without losing bond.

REMinder App







Near Field Communication

NFC is designed for use by devices within close proximity of each other. An individual SIM card or microSD card with an NFC chip will be installed in REMinder.

REMinder would use Tag Type 4: it contains more memory and faster exchange speed.

The 'passive' device, the REMinder patch, would contain information that other devices can read. The 'active' device is the smartphone; it is able to collect information from the NFC tags and even alter that information.

The reader/writer relationship is the type of role that the REMinder will enact.









