

# BANANA LEAF PACKAGING

## ADOPTED BY THE RIMPING GREEN GROCER IN THAILAND

In 2019 the [Rimping supermarket](#) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, started using banana leaves as packaging solution for fresh products. To secure the leaves in place, Rimping uses bamboo twist ties, which are also biodegradable.

The news about this innovation was spread through Facebook by the [Perfecthomes company](#) that shared photos of the products sold by Rimping and packaged with banana leaves. The news was taken up by a wide range of magazines and newspapers dealing with environmental issues.

This solution reduces the plastic commonly used in the packaging of food sold in shops and supermarkets, recovering practices commonly used in Asian countries. In fact, people living in tropical countries around the world already [use banana leaves](#) to cover various types of foods, and their sturdiness makes them an ideal method of packaging for fresh produce that can be sold quickly.

In Thailand bananas grow year-round and the large leaves are a byproduct of the banana industry. The leaves are often simply discarded and the only cost associated with using banana leaves as produce packaging would be the cost of gathering them.

In addition to reduce the environmental pollution of plastic, the use of this solution for packaging has many advantages because banana leaves are naturally waterproof and can withstand humidity. Banana leaves are also biodegradable and the consumers can use it for making compost. This solution also allows to reduce the waste of agricultural production recycling it into a useful tool.

This solution can be adopted in all countries where banana production develops throughout the year, by supermarkets and shops located relatively close to the production areas. And of course, because banana leaves are biodegradable, they can only be used for fresh products that are quickly sold by supermarkets and grocery shops

[Rimping](#), which was founded in 1932 and manages six supermarkets and two smaller grocery shops across Thailand, operates adopting a firm commitment to the environment. It sales ecological products and offers a slew of other sustainable packaging options. For example, it offers biodegradable bioplastic carrier bags as well as reused cardboard boxes to pack groceries, only uses biodegradable containers for dining and customers can borrow Rimping's cloth bags for a deposit.



Meanwhile, several articles published in magazines and newspapers inform that in many other supermarkets and grocery stores of Thailand this practice is already being reproduced and that also in Vietnam, several stores have begun using banana leaves for packaging fresh food products

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