

## Environmental Golf Tee Comparison

Issues concerning the environmental impact of golf tees have increased lately. By some estimates the painted wood golf tee, which is standard in the golf industry contributes to 10,000 tons of used tees per year. Environmentally friendly tees come in two major categories, the biodegradable tee and the reusable long-lasting tee. The following paragraphs will show a comparison of the product types.

The advantages of the biodegradable golf tee are that it will dissolve in the environment much faster than the painted wood golf tee. They are usually molded of some food grain ingredient such as wheat paste or cornstarch, etc. As such they take the same amount of energy to run molding machines as the reusable tee. Additionally, the biodegradable golf tee still litters the tee box with broken objects that must be cleaned up by the greens keeping staff at the golf course. The likelihood that they would be left until they dissolved on a tee box is very small. They will probably be vacuumed with a lawn vac and end up in the landfill alongside their painted wood cousins.

Like the grocery bag question paper or plastic, the best answer today is "I brought my own reusable bag". The paper grocery bag is biodegradable, but it takes a certain amount of energy to produce, and it is a paper product, which means trees are used at some point. Ultimately, you have produced a disposable item, whether or not it is biodegradable. The reusable grocery bag can be used many times for the same purpose, making reusable bags more desirable.

The same comparison can be applied to the golf tee. Biodegradable, while better than a painted wood tee is not as efficient or environmentally friendly as the reusable golf tee. The biodegradable tee is a throwaway product, which also includes throw away packaging. It takes the same amount of energy to produce as the molded long-lasting reusable tee. The reusable tee also leaves less litter on the tee box.

Not all reusable tees are the same however. One of the more popular varieties is packaged with only 3 tees in a gigantic plastic blister pack. Moreover this product comes with various predetermined heights, so that a golfer who wants several different heights will have that much more waste.

The D-tee from Distancetee arrives in the mail in a recycled paper envelope, that can be recycled again. There are 16 D-tees in a reusable pouch that stays closed in your golf bag. That's all! They will last the average golfer longer than 200 wood or biodegradeable tees. They also have many other advantages that are available to view on the web site at [d-tee.com](http://d-tee.com).