



Natural Rubber Latex Foam in Natural Mat Mattresses



What's natural rubber latex foam?

Natural rubber latex foam is produced from the *Hevea Brasiliensis* rubber tree. It was once commercially produced in the Amazon and now 90% of the total world production of natural rubber latex comes from Asia.

The latex comes out of the tree as a white cloudy fluid, similar to cow's milk. It is sapped straight from the tree (similar to tapping syrup from a Maple tree) by cutting a spiral groove into the bark which allows the sap to exude into a container over a period of hours. The latex fluid is then whipped into a frothy liquid to beat the air into it and then placed into an oven to bake into its final state. The end product is 100% natural latex foam.

The benefits of natural latex foam:

- Perfect for Asthma and Eczema sufferers as the foam is naturally anti-microbial and anti-bacterial. Dust mites, the main cause of allergies can not live in latex foam because the conditions in the foam are too dry and mildew free.
- Unlike latex rubber gloves which can cause irritation to the skin, natural latex foam in Natural Mat's mattresses is not in direct contact with the skin as it is sandwiched together with other natural fibres.
- The foam has a superior cell structure as it is filled with lots of little air bubbles. It provides excellent ventilation and insulation, keeping you warm during the winter and cool during the summer.
- Natural Latex foam is very durable and has good elasticity which means it has a long life span.
- The foam conforms to your body shape and pressure, giving you superior orthopaedic support and promotes healthy muscles by alleviating constricting muscles.
- Unlike most standard foams, natural latex foam is environmentally friendly and bio-degradable.