



Environmental Policy Statement

Expanding upon a core value component in our Mission Statement - "A Clean and Safe Environment" - it is our desire to minimize our environmental footprint. As consumers of the earth's resources we consider it our responsibility to reduce the environmental impact of our manufacturing and administration processes. This environmentally conscious philosophy has been practiced from our inception in 1889 and continues to drive our commitment to sustainability today.

Striving for Sustainability...

...in Product Design

We partner with customers to encourage the down sizing of material thickness and package dimensions to minimize the amount of material used, while still supporting customer needs. Environmentally friendly material alternatives are also part of our product offerings.

...in Manufacturing

We have made a major investment in the latest technology of regenerative thermal oxidizers (RTO) to destroy volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This system increased the system destructive efficiency to 99% of VOCs. Our film scrap initiative program has reduced scrap by 26 points in 5 years. Remaining processing scrap is collected and recycled, where applicable.

...in Processing Aids

All unconsumed solvents are recaptured and recycled. Water conservation is practiced; to this end, water is recycled and reconditioned to reduce usage. All paper and corrugated is collected and recycled. Spent industrial oil is collected and recycled.

...in Packaging

All product is shipped out on recycled pallets or on pressure chip pallets manufactured from recycled wood. Scrap wood is collected and recycled. Roll cores are collected and cut down for re-use.

...in Energy Consumption

The majority of our production and office lighting has been replaced with high efficiency lighting. Motion detectors and setback thermostats are used in areas that are not utilized around the clock, helping conserve energy usage. Also, variable speed motors have been installed to reduce energy usage to match demand on our converting ventilation systems.

...in Office Waste Management

Paper is recycled and paper usage is being reduced.

All empty photocopier and printer cartridges are returned to our suppliers for refilling.