

Sterling North America Environmental Overview

Environmental Policy

We at Sterling are very conscious of the damage that the modern world is causing to the environment. Changes are required and we wish to be at the forefront of a collaborative effort to improve environmental performance, in partnership with government, industry and other interested parties.

Educate our staff to foster a sense of environmental responsibility, reduce waste and energy consumption.

- Ensure that unavoidable waste is either recycled, reused, recovered or disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Ensure that we are able to detect and, where possible, prevent pollution through accidental emissions or effluent discharges.
- Implement and maintain management systems to correct deviations from our environment policy, objectives and targets.
- Continually improve our environmental performance and comply with all relevant environmental legislation.
- Implement and maintain management systems to evaluate new developments and to plan for their introduction in order to minimize environmental impact.
- Ensure that our management, staff and contractors act in accordance with our environmental management system.

> CARBON NEUTRAL

Sterling is working towards being a “carbon neutral” company. We will purchase all of our electricity from renewable/sustainable sources and, with the aid of The Carbon Neutral Company, we plan to sponsor projects in the USA and internationally to offset our other carbon emissions which are attributable to Sterling’s operations through heating, product delivery, travelling and waste disposal to landfill.

> WELL MANAGED FORESTRY

Sterling ensures that the paper used has been sustainably sourced from suppliers that are certified to Chain of Custody Standards that are recognized worldwide.

This enables us to supply paper-based products with the confidence that we

are not contributing to global deforestation. Sterling can manage to both the FSC and SFI standards.

Certified forests practice sustainable forestry management to ensure long-term timber supplies, whilst protecting the environment and the lives of forest-dependent peoples.

Chain of Custody certification enables traceability of forest products, including paper, through the supply chain to the end consumer.

