



Sustainable Practices

Where Sustainability Takes Root

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The Power of Green

The Paper Industry has long been a preeminent participant in the Sustainability of Our Planet. There are three areas where our industry excels:

First, the use of trees as a raw material allows for the consumption of Carbon Dioxide and the respiration of oxygen as an outcome of the tree's growth process. The domestic Paper Industry has historically planted 4 trees for every tree harvested thus enhancing the consumption of the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide in exchange for oxygen.

Our paper mills generate the majority of their energy with green fuels. This means using bark and sawdust for boiler fuel and using lignin from the pulping process to generate steam and electricity. The whole tree is used in the pulp and papermaking process, no waste.

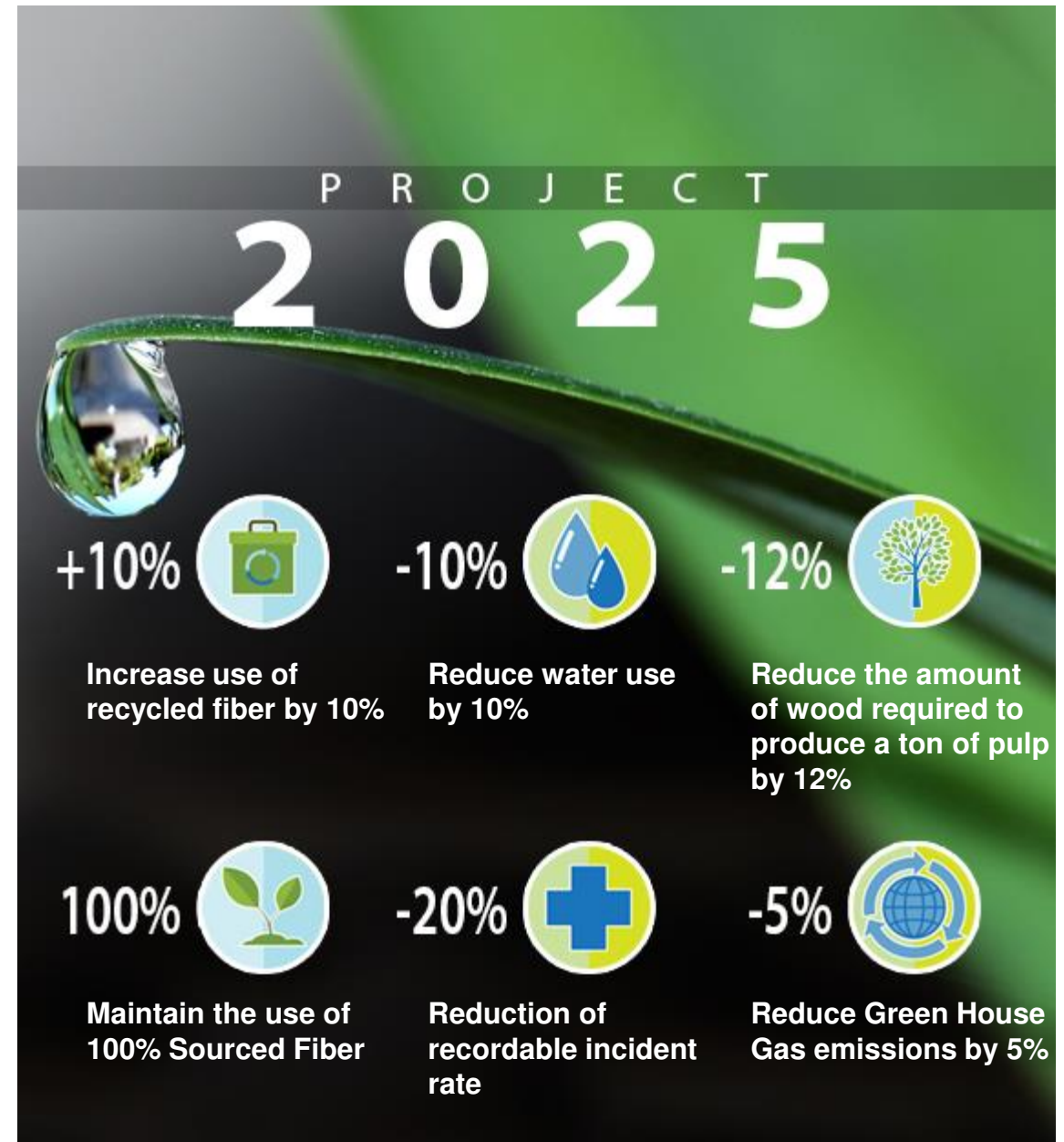
About 50% of all corrugated boxes are made with papers that are recycled. Hood Container Corp's linerboard and medium papers are close to this percentage. The Paper Industry has and continues to invest in equipment that allows the boxes it produces to comply with DOT requirements for Interstate commerce with less and less fiber in the box. This source reduction approach to sustainability goes a step further than just utilizing recycled fibers since carbon emissions from this approach are far less than even with the recycled papers approach. Hood Container's papers are almost 100% source reduced packaging materials.

Project 2025

In 2014 HCC set forth to protect our planet by operating in an environmentally responsible manner while being good neighbors in the regions we operate.

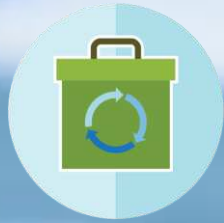
As a member of AF&PA, Hood Container is committed to helping make progress toward AF&PA's Better Practices, Better Planet 2030 sustainability goals. AF&PA has established five quantifiable sustainability goals that the industry aims to meet by 2030. These goals include reducing greenhouse gas emissions, advancing a circular value chain, striving for zero workplace injuries, helping drive water stewardship, and advancing more resilient U.S. forests.

Hood Container's own Project 2025 set forth in 2020 helps us measure our progress and remain inline with industry goals, rooting firm our commitment to a more sustainable future.



In the Business of Change

Over the past years, we have worked to align ourselves as one company and define ourselves within our industry as leaders in sustainable practices. Measuring ourselves against past performance as well as industry sustainability goals is critical for not only our business, but also for our employees, our customers, our communities, and our planet.



Water		
GOAL: Reduce water use.		
Base Year: 2014 13,800 gal/ton	Target: 2025 9,800 gal/ton	
2014 13,800 gal/ton	2021 10,300 gal/ton	2025 9,800 gal/ton
RESULT: Since 2014 we have reduced water usage by 25%		

Recycled Fiber		
GOAL: Increase recycle fiber usage.		
Base Year: 2014 230,000 tons	Target: 2025 400,000 tons	
2014 230,000 tons	2021 350,000 tons	2025 400,000 tons
RESULT: Since 2014 we have increased use of recycled fiber by 52%.		

Forest - Chain of Custody		
GOAL: Maintain 100% procured fiber through certified fiber sourcing programs.		
Base Year: 2014 0%	Target: 2025 100%	
2014 0%	2021 100%	2025 100%
RESULT: 100% wood fiber procurement from chain of custody since 2014.		

Safety		
GOAL: To reduce the number of OSHA total incidence rates and maintain a safe workplace.		
Base Year: 2014 1.80	Target: 2025 0.9	
2014 1.80	2021 1.1	2025 0.9
RESULT: 39% improvement in recordable incidence rate since 2015.		

Climate Change		
GOAL: Achieve a reduction in green house gasses.		
Base Year: 2014 0.35 Tons CO2e/Paper Ton	Target: 2025 0.32 Tons CO2e/Paper Ton	
2014 0.35 Tons CO2e/Paper Ton	2021 0.38 Tons CO2e/Paper Ton	2025 0.32 Tons CO2e/Paper Ton
RESULT: Since 2014 we have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 9%.		

Wood Yield		
GOAL: Reduce the amount of wood required to produce a ton of pulp.		
Base Year: 2014 3.25 tons wood/ton pulp	Target: 2025 2.85 tons wood/ton pulp	
2014 3.25 tons wood/ton pulp	2021 3.06 tons wood/ton pulp	2025 2.85 tons wood/ton pulp
RESULT: Since 2014 we have reduced the amount of wood required to produce a ton of pulp by 6%.		