Sustaining our brands, and yours.
3M has been a leader in sustainability for decades. Our Pollution Prevention Pays (3P) program was initiated in 1975 with a goal of preventing pollution at the source—in products and manufacturing processes—rather than removing it after it has been created.

By completing 3P and other projects, 3M has shown excellent environmental stewardship and social responsibility over the last several decades. Among other accomplishments, 3M has:

- Reduced waste, indexed to net sales, by 32.4% since 2005
- Reduced Scope 1 and 2 absolute greenhouse gas emissions by 63.7% since 2002
- Improved energy efficiency, indexed to net sales, by 31% since 2005
- Secured ≈30% of electricity from renewable sources
- Reduced water use, indexed to net sales, by 39.4% since 2005

3M’s Strategic Sustainability Framework was launched in November 2018 to direct our efforts to areas in which we can contribute the greatest impact:

Science for Circular:
Design solutions that do more with less material, advancing a global circular economy.

Science for Climate:
Innovate to decarbonize industry, accelerate global climate solutions and improve our environmental footprint.

Science for Community:
Create a more positive world through science and inspire people to join us.

Building Sustainability into Products
Beginning in 2019, every new product that enters 3M’s new product commercialization process must have a Sustainability Value Commitment that demonstrates how the product drives impact for the greater good.

Examples of 3M’s Sustainability Value Commitment for new products include reusability, recyclability, energy, waste, water savings, responsible sourcing, and/or renewable materials appropriate to the specific product.

This commitment also includes products with a core purpose of helping to solve an environmental or social challenge, such as improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving worker and patient safety in healthcare and industrial settings.
Retail products with a Sustainability Value Commitment.

**Office Products**

Post-it® Super Sticky Recycled Notes are made with plant-based adhesive (67% by weight). The paper is also made with a minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.

Scotch® Magic™ Greener Tapes are made from 65% recycled or plant-based materials. Dispenser and core contain recycled materials. Tape contains plant-based materials.

Post-it® Recycled Easel Pads are made with minimum 30% post-consumer recycled content.

Post-it® Greener Notes are made with plant-based adhesive (67% by weight) and 100% recycled paper (30% post-consumer recycled content).

3M™ Precision Standing Desks are made from 45% post-consumer recycled content.

The adhesive on Post-it® Super Sticky Dry Erase Surfaces contains at least 60% plant-based material.

Scotch® Greener Packaging Tape is made with >50% recycled content.

Scotch® Desktop (tape) Dispenser C-38 Black is made from 100% recycled plastic.

**Home Care and Consumer Health Products**

The scrubbing fibers on Scotch-Brite® Heavy Duty, Non-Scratch, and Gentle Clean Sponges are made from 100% recycled content.

3M™ Thinsulate™ LooseFill Featherless Insulation is available in 75% and 100% recycled options. Both products are bluesign® approved.

Nexcare™ Sensitive Skin Products are designed for easy removal and complete repositionability. These products are also made with solvent-free adhesive.

Scotch-Brite® Glass Cooktop pads allow chemical free cleaning. The pads work with just water.

**Home Improvement Products**

Scotch® Greener Masking Tape is made with 56% renewable resources. The backing contains 30% post-consumer recycled (PCR) fiber, and the core contains 87% PCR.

ScotchBlue™ Painter’s Tape #2090 is made using a water-based coating process.

Meguiar’s Ultimate Waterless Wash & Wax is a mist on, wipe off car wash that eliminates the need for a hose or bucket. The innovative chemistry removes the need for water.
Products that improve air quality, everywhere.

Filtrete™ Room Air Purifiers help capture 99.97% of airborne particles*, such as dust and lint, mold spores, bacteria and pet dander, with a Filtrete™ True HEPA filter. (*as small as 0.3 microns from the air passing through the filter media. Initial efficiency value.). Several models are also ENERGY STAR® Certified.

Filtrete™ Electrostatic Air Filters feature exclusive 3-in-1 technology from 3M to pull in and trap unwanted particles, letting cleaner air flow through. Filtrete Healthy Living Filters help improve your indoor air quality by capturing particles like dust, pollen, pet dander, smoke, and bacteria and viruses.

3M™ Direct to Consumer Particulate Respirators help protect users against particles from smog, dust, pollen, automobile exhaust, and airborne germs.

3M offers a full line of Green Seal certified cleaning supplies that have low VOCs.

3M also offers a variety of adhesives that are GREENGUARD certified to have low VOCs.

3M has a Supplier Responsibility Code that outlines 3M’s expectations for suppliers in the areas of Management Systems, Labor, Health, Safety, Environment, and Ethics. Visit 3M.com/supplierresponsibilitycode to learn more.
3M™ Window Film portfolio provides options to reduce air conditioning costs, reduce lighting costs, reduce heating costs, and improve safety.

3M sells products that can increase module efficiency and reliability of solar panels.

3M™ Smog Reducing Granules harness the power of the sun to turn roofing shingles into a pollution-fighting surface. When the sun hits the granules, their photocatalytic coating transforms the smog pollution (nitrogen oxides) into water soluble ions that safely wash away with rain.

3M™ Smog Reducing Granules can be used in shingles that are energy efficient, solar reflective, and economically friendly. This technology can reduce urban heating as well as lower energy consumption in climates with year-round cooling needs.

3M™ Air and Vapor Barrier membrane can decrease building air leaks. Heating and cooling loads can be reduced, allowing for smaller HVAC equipment. Energy operating costs can decrease by as much as 40%.

3M™ DI-NOC™ Architectural Finishes can contribute to opportunities to incorporate salvaged materials into project design and can expand the arena of potential material reuse through its innovative architectural finishes.

3M™ Cool Roofing granules are used in shingles that can be energy efficient, solar reflective, and economically friendly. This technology can reduce urban heating as well as lower energy consumption in climates with year-round cooling needs.

Many of the retailers we do business with have Sustainability goals of their own. You will find a wide range of products in our catalog that can help you meet many of these important goals.
In addition to leveraging sustainable practices within manufacturing operations and product development, 3M also strives to reduce the environmental impact of product packaging.

Waste reduction, from the manufacturing plant to the package.

Scotch™ Flex & Seal Shipping rolls save up to 50% on time, supplies, and space compared to boxes.

Filtrete™ Basic and Clean Living Air Filters are metal free, saving millions of pounds of landfill waste per year.

3M™ Patch Plus Primer 4 in 1 incorporates spackle, primer, a putty knife, and a sanding pad into one tool.

Scotch-Brite® Greener Clean Non-Scratch Scrub Sponges outlast 30 rolls of paper towels.

Nexcare™ Max Hold waterproof bandages stay on until you take them off for up to 48 hours.

3M™ Sandblaster™ Ultra Flexible Sanding Sheets are very durable. They last up to 15X longer than conventional paper-backed sandpaper.

Scotch-Brite® Heavy Duty and Non-Scratch Scrub Sponges last 50% longer than the leading value brand heavy duty or non-scratch scrub sponge.

3M™ Floor Pads last longer than competitive products. It takes up to 4x as many competitive pads to strip a floor compared to a 3M brand stripping pad. When you use 3M pads, fewer end up in landfills.

Post-it® Super Sticky Dry Erase Surface can be used to refurbish existing white boards.

Packaging Optimization

In the Consumer Business, we are striving to make our packaging recyclable and to leverage recycled content. As a first step, we have been removing PVC from our packages because it contaminates curb side recycling streams. To date, we have removed PVC from >400 packages.

We are also working to give consumers clear recycling instructions for packaging. To accelerate this effort, 3M became a member of the How2Recycle® program. This program was designed by GreenBlue’s Sustainable Packaging Coalition with an objective of educating consumers on packaging recyclability by providing clear on-package instructions. To date, we have added How2Recycle® labels to over 120 North American packages.
The 3M Impact program is a community engagement program that encourages 3Mers to share their talents to help solve some of the world’s most pressing problems. Teams spend two weeks immersed in local communities working with nonprofit organizations, social enterprises, and government agencies to develop solutions for social and environmental issues.

Our team in 3M Brazil has partnered with Terracycle to collect and recycle Scotch-Brite® sponges. We have recycled over 1.4 million sponges!

3M cash and product donations to education, community, and environmental programs topped $66.3 million in 2018 and $1.65 billion since 1953.

3M employees & retirees volunteer more than 300,000 hours/year improving lives around the world.

3M has made a $5 million commitment to investment in the Closed Loop Fund (CLF), a collaborative social impact fund that gives cities access to capital needed to build comprehensive recycling programs and to build access to recycled materials for use in packaging.

Sustainability Awards

3M is one of a very small list of companies that have been listed on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for 19 consecutive years.

The Ethisphere® Institute ranked 3M as one of The World’s Most Ethical Companies® in the Industrial Manufacturing category. We have won this award for six years.

EcoVadis awarded 3M a Gold Recognition Level for achievements in the top 1% of suppliers assessed in corporate social responsibility (CSR) in global Supply Chains.
Our world. Our 2025 Sustainability Goals.

**Raw Materials**
Respect our planet’s resources and reimagine waste as a nutrient to ensure we have abundance for future generations.

Goal: Invest to develop more sustainable materials and products to help our customers reach their environmental goals.

Goal: Reduce manufacturing waste by an additional 10 percent, indexed to sales.

Goal: Achieve “zero landfill” status at more than 30 percent of manufacturing sites.

Goal: Drive supply chain sustainability through targeted raw material traceability and supplier performance assurance.

**Health & Safety**
Improve the health and safety of people worldwide so we can all focus on what matters most to us.

Goal: Provide training to 5 million people globally on worker and patient safety.

**Water**
Promote clean water for everyone, everywhere, so that every person, business, and community has the water they need to thrive.

Goal: Reduce global water use by an additional 10 percent, indexed to sales.

Goal: Engage 100 percent of water-stressed/scarce communities where 3M manufactures on community-wide approaches to water management.

**Education & Development**
Support empowerment and enrichment to provide people everywhere the opportunity to live life to its fullest.

Goal: Invest cash and products for education, community and environmental programs.

Goal: 100 percent participation in employee development programs to advance individual and organizational capabilities.

Goal: Double the pipeline of diverse talent in management to build a diverse workforce.

**Climate & Energy**
Transform the way the world uses energy because it impacts the climate, and the climate impacts everyone.

Goal: Improve energy efficiency indexed to net sales by 30 percent.

Goal: Increase renewable energy to 50 percent of total electricity use.

Goal: Ensure GHG emissions at least 50 percent below our 2002 baseline, while growing our business.

Goal: Help our customers reduce their GHGs by 250 million tons of CO₂ equivalent emissions through use of 3M products.