Advancing our impact

Driving long-term growth and value by using science to improve lives
3M uses a science-based approach to reimagine what’s possible as we rise to the most critical challenges facing our planet and its people — focusing our efforts where we can make the greatest impact. Our goals and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics reflect a heightened commitment to thinking holistically about how our people, products, and operations can all contribute to a better and brighter future.

We continue to build momentum around science and collaboration in our operations and our communities. At 3M, we believe a sustainable future is one in which ecosystems thrive, communities are safe and healthy, and opportunities are equitable and accessible for all.

**Unique and differentiated value**

The power of 3M is in the way we connect our fundamental strengths of technology, manufacturing, global capabilities, and our brand with customers. These strengths define us as an enterprise and combine to build a business greater than the sum of its parts.

With science at our heart, we’re positioned to leverage innovation and technology to collaborate with our customers and other stakeholders to create solutions not yet imagined as we strive to solve the world’s greatest challenges.
Our Strategic Sustainability Framework

As we build on our global capabilities and diverse technologies, we have clear commitments and bold ambitions to shape a sustainable future within our Strategic Sustainability Framework and its three organizing pillars: Science for Circular, Science for Climate, and Science for Community. Within these pillars, we build partnerships, implement projects, and develop processes that move us forward in the areas where we can make the greatest impact.

We pursue our sustainability goals with urgency and intent.

Learn more and view our 2023 Global Impact Report and ESG metrics at 3M.com/sustainability.
Design solutions that do more with less material, advancing a global circular economy.

We must reimagine the traditional global economy’s linear business model that strains ecosystems and depletes natural resources faster than they can be replenished. Circular business models use these essential resources only while having a net positive impact on supply, and they eliminate reliance on nonrenewable finite resources altogether. They measure business success in large part on the ability to do more with less, keep products and materials in use, design out waste and pollution, and restore and regenerate natural systems and biodiversity.

At 3M, we understand the urgency of this issue and we strive to develop circular business models that create impactful solutions, inspire leadership, and implement disruptive change across all industries.

Every new 3M product must have a Sustainability Value Commitment that demonstrates how the product drives impact for the greater good.
Designing for **circularity**

3M, in partnership with GlobalGiving, is collaborating with **Plastic Bank** to support ethical collection communities in vulnerable coastal regions and help stop ocean plastic.

Our **Scotch-Brite® Greener Clean** collection offers durable cleaning solutions that combine 3M’s superior scrubbing performance with sustainable materials. These long-lasting tools are made with recycled content and plant-based materials, come in recyclable packaging, and are dye- and BPA-free.

Our **Post-it® 100% Recycled Paper Super Sticky Notes** are made with 100% recycled paper in a zero-waste-to-landfill plant. The product and packaging are both curbside-recyclable.

With 300,000 electronic devices in the field, 3M’s **Health Care Service Group** (HCSG) aims to keep them out of landfills. The HCSG provides service and support for more than 50 3M health care products, with repair locations in 18 countries.

**Scotch™ Cushion Lock™ Protective Wrap** is an alternative to plastic bubble wrap that’s recyclable and made from 100% recycled paper. It’s received recognition including a Platinum Award in Dow’s 2022 Packaging Innovation Awards and finalist status in the consumer products category of Fast Company’s World Changing Ideas Awards.

**3M™ DI-NOC™ Architectural Finishes** can contribute to LEED credits by maintaining existing walls, doors, frames, and built-ins with its innovative architectural finishes that keep them in use longer.
Science for Climate

Innovate to decarbonize industry, accelerate global climate solutions and improve our environmental footprint.

The impacts of global climate change on our planet and its people have never been clearer. Extreme weather events, rising sea levels, urban heat islands, elevated pollution levels, poor air quality, and scarce resources have underscored how urgently corporations must act to try to slow these harmful effects to both our natural and built ecosystems.

At 3M, we’re advancing our impact through more significant intermediate and long-term goals and actions that align with the latest findings by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). We expect to invest heavily both in our efforts to meet our environmental goals, which include achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, and in our innovation, adapting our business to grow in sectors that support decarbonization.

We believe that by working together with our employees, customers, suppliers, government, and communities, we can help drive systemic change.
Innovating for adaptation and mitigation

To help improve battery safety for electric vehicles (EVs), 3M offers a new barrier solution that cushions battery cells to help enhance performance while protecting adjacent cells from heat if an individual cell fails. This helps enable the future of automotive electrification and advance the adoption of high-energy lithium-ion batteries for EVs.

Scotch® Box Lock™ Packaging Tape sticks instantly to any box, including harder-to-stick-to 100% recycled boxes. Its extreme grip ensures boxes stay sealed through rough handling, and the durable hot-melt adhesive is solvent-free.

Along with our partner Earthworm Foundation, we’re supporting the Tsay Keh Dene (TKD) First Nation in British Columbia, Canada, to protect high conservation value forests in their territory. As some of the world’s remaining intact forests, they serve as sources of sustenance, culture, and history for the TKD, as well as critical species habitat and carbon storage.

Easy-to-install 3M sensored cable accessories can transmit real-time data about vital parameters in underground medium-voltage networks. With distributed intelligence, our customers gain critical insights that can help them extend the life of existing infrastructure assets.

A repurposed byproduct of our roofing granules, 3M™ Natural Pozzolans can be used as a partial cement replacement to help lower the CO₂ emissions of concrete. For every ton of natural pozzolans used, CO₂ emissions can be reduced by an estimated 0.75 tons.

3M’s glass bubbles help optimize the transport and storage of green hydrogen by providing superior protection, reducing the amount of boil-off from heat so more hydrogen gets delivered to the end customer.

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Create a more positive world through science and inspire people to join us.

Leveraging science, innovation, and collaboration, we help solve global challenges like climate change, public health and safety, health care inequality, and other inequities in communities around the world.

We recognize the importance of equal access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and careers. Equitable opportunities in STEM lead to stronger communities, a stronger 3M, and a brighter collective future. We also commit to advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and social and environmental justice within our company and community.

Together with our partners, we will advance an equitable and sustainable future for all.

3M listens to and engages with communities to understand and identify ways to maximize our impact.
Building strong communities around the world

Together with the Minnesota State College and University system and St. Paul Public Schools, 3M helps ease the way toward a skilled-trades career for St. Paul Public School students. The program gives students college or certification credits for skilled trades classes, helping to build our hiring pipeline and give more students a path to a well-paying job.

3M India helps strengthen local health care in Ranjangaon through partnerships with a renewable energy social enterprise and foundation. Customized solar power systems installed at primary health centers provide reliable 24/7 power — critical for effective treatment.

Designated with exclusive 3M 3-in-1 technology, Filtrete™ air filters trap unwanted air particles while letting cleaner air flow through. Filtrete™ Smart Air Filters allow for active filter life tracking, air quality info, tips to improve air quality, and easy replacement ordering — all in one convenient app.

3M’s Transportation Safety Division develops solutions to make our roadway safer. We’re working toward zero deaths on highways and city streets, at intersections, and in construction zones with innovations like wet reflective pavement markings and more visible road signs.

3M’s Personal Safety Division aims to keep people safe in facilities, workplaces, and communities. Designed with exclusive 3M 3-in-1 technology, Filtrete™ air filters trap unwanted air particles while letting cleaner air flow through. Filtrete™ Smart Air Filters allow for active filter life tracking, air quality info, tips to improve air quality, and easy replacement ordering — all in one convenient app.

3M’s iOn Progress™ Remote Therapy Monitoring System, a negative pressure wound therapy device with cellular connection, collects data from a machine in the patient’s home. It sends information to the cloud and a smart app, creating tasks for our virtual therapy specialists. With this, we’ve reduced the total cost of wound care by 25% and gained insights that help shape future innovation.

From safety glasses and hearing protection to respirators and safety harnesses, 3M’s Personal Safety Division aims to keep people safe in facilities, workplaces, and communities.
2022 goal results

Science for Circular

- **100%** Sustainability Value Commitment for new products
  - On pace for goal of 100%
  - 2019: 100%, 2025 goal: 100%

- **0.58%** manufacturing waste reduced
  - Behind goal of an additional 10%, indexed to sales
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 10%

- **44.9%** of sites achieved zero landfill
  - Outpacing goal of more than 30%
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 30%

- **54.2M** pounds of virgin fossil-based plastic reduced
  - On pace for goal to reduce by 125 million pounds
  - 2021: 25%, 2025 goal: 100%

- **16.8%** increased water efficiency
  - On pace for goal to reduce global water usage by 20%
  - 2019: 16.8%, 2025 goal: 40%

- **Installation of state-of-the-art filtration technologies**
  - On pace for goal
  - 2019: 0%, 2024 goal: 100%

- **17** identified manufacturing sites in water-stressed/scarc areas
  - On pace for goal
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 100%

- **457** completed supplier assessments
  - On pace for goal to drive supplier performance
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 100%

Science for Climate

- **37.8%** Scope 1 and 2 market-based GHG emissions reduced
  - On pace for goal of at least 50% reduction
  - 2019: 32%, 2030 goal: 50%

- **51.9%** renewable energy
  - Outpacing goal of 50% of total electricity use
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 50%

- **13.1%** improved energy efficiency
  - Behind goal of 30%, indexed to net sales
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 30%

- **121M** metric tons CO₂ equivalent customer-avoided emissions
  - On pace for goal of 250 million tons avoided
  - 2015: 0%, 2025 goal: 50%

78.8% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 location-based GHG emissions since 2002
On pace for goal to invest $50 million to address racial opportunity gaps in the U.S.

On pace for goal to double the representation of underrepresented groups

On pace for goal of 300,000 work hours

Outpacing goal of 5 million learning experiences for underrepresented individuals

On pace for goal to maintain 100% pay equity globally

$82.1M invested in cash and products

On pace for goal to invest for education, community, and environmental programs

81.8K skills-based work hours volunteered

On pace for goal of 300,000 work hours

4.91M worker and patient safety training instances

Outpacing goal of 5 million learning experiences for underrepresented individuals

Our goals and ambitions are gaining momentum as we work to make the world more sustainable for future generations.
Transforming aspirations into action

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2002 – Completion of first GHG emissions inventory (Scope 1 and 2)

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2018 – Launch of Strategic Sustainability Framework and our requirement that all new products have a Sustainability Value Commitment

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2021 – We commit to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, reduce water use at our facilities by 25% by 2030, return higher-quality water to the environment after manufacturing use, and reduce dependence on virgin fossil-based plastic by 125 million pounds by 2025

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