Cintas Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainability is nothing new at Cintas. It started with the company’s origins: Doc and Amelia Farmer, out of work in the Great Depression, started washing rags that factories would otherwise throw away and selling them back to factories for reuse.

Today, our employee-partners are engaged in continuing and expanding upon that legacy. From product development to the caring service we provide every day, we connect the dots to understand the business needs of our customers and provide solutions that are environmentally responsible.

Mission Statement

Cintas is committed to improving the lives of our customers, partners and communities by integrating environmentally sustainable practices, principles and solutions across our business lines.

Laundry

• First industrial launderer in the industry to employ washing standards that are 100% NPE-free, phosphate-free and EDTA-free in all North American laundry facilities
• Charter member of Laundry Environmental Stewardship Program (LaundryESP®)
• Waste water is treated before it is discharged, reducing water usage in laundry facilities and the amount of pollutants discharged to publicly owned treatment works and the environment

Energy

• Cintas has been able to achieve as much as 50% reduction in garment drying time by using modern moisture measurement methods, saving significant amounts of fossil fuel resulting in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
• Partnership with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the ENERGY STAR program

Sustainable Innovation and Collaboration

I Know Hope

In May 2014, Cintas partnered with Cincinnati-based non-profit organization Know Hope to regularly donate a portion of surplus textile materials from garment-manufacturing operations. The donated materials are used as liners in the repurposed coffee burlap sacks I Know Hope creates and sells, with profits benefitting a variety of overseas aid programs in developing countries.

For more information, visit: http://www.knowhopebags.com

Matthew 25: Ministries

Cintas has a longstanding partnership with Matthew 25: Ministries based in Cincinnati, Ohio. Since the beginning of the partnership in 1998, Cintas has donated over 13.6 million pounds of product to Matthew 25 to aid its mission of serving the poorest of the poor locally, regionally and globally.

Business Collaboration

From energy benchmarking to workplace waste and composting, Cintas is proud to partner with local organizations to develop content and toolkits for local businesses and the public to empower all communities with the knowledge to become more sustainable.

• Greater Cincinnati Green Business Council: http://www.gcgbc.org
• Sustainability Council Southern California: http://www.goscsc.info/

www.cintas.com/green
Environmental Sustainability Initiatives Across All Business Lines

Facility Services

Paper Products
• Green Seal® certification ensures that a product meets rigorous, science-based environmental leaderships standards

Cintas Signature Series®
• Complete restroom dispenser line that uses EcoLogo™ Certified foam moisturizing soap and a completely passive air freshener system that is battery-free and minimal VOCs

Sanis UltraClean™ Service/Carpet Cleaning Service
• Green Seal® certified chemicals are used as part of deep cleaning process

Signet® Cleaning Chemical Service
• Reduces cleaning chemical usage and water consumption among customers
• Approximately 30% less chemical is used from our Signet® Cleaning Chemical Service than when free-pouring concentrates (incorrectly mixed or accidentally spilled)
• Signet® Glass and Multi-Surface Cleaner and Neutral Floor Cleaner are Green Seal® certified

Drain Line Maintainer
• Recognized as “Design for the Environment” (DfE) by the United States EPA-Design for the Environment, for use in biological commercial kitchen drain line treatments

SafeWasher™
• Instead of using solvents, we use a cleaning solution that is friendly to the environment and end-user
• SW-4 fluid has been recognized as “Designed for the Environment” (DfE) by the United States EPA-Design for the Environment

Chemtron Coil Cleaning
• Certified as a Green Process by the Green Clean Institute, this professional deep cleaning of A/C units enables hoteliers to lower their energy bills, extend the life of A/C units and improve indoor air quality—up to 17% reduction of in-room energy consumption

Microfiber Cleaning System
• Reduces chemical and water usage up to 9% resulting in less waste to landfills as microfiber lasts up to 6 times longer than cotton

Phoenix Floor Mats
• Post-consumer waste is gathered, ground and extruded to produce high-quality fiber and keeps thousands of plastic bottles out of landfills each year

Uniforms and Apparel
• Cintas offers 70 different styles of garments constructed with recycled polyester
• In 2013, Cintas diverted over 19 million plastic water bottles from landfills, a 13% increase from 2012

Regeneration™ Suiting Collection uses approximately 100, 16.9 oz. plastic bottles per suit

• Marriott International honored Cintas Corporation with its 2014 Supplier Sustainability Award. The annual award recognizes the Marriott supplier that has made a significant impact on its guests and properties through innovative ideas that help Marriott meet its environmental goals
• In 2014, Cintas introduced its new AR Red™ Suiting Collection. Made with DuPont™ Sorona® renewably sourced fiber, the fabric reduces carbon dioxide emissions used in the manufacturing process by as much as 63%

* All bottle calculations are based off of 16.9 oz. bottles and average Cintas uniform yields.