



SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Located in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, Shields Bag and Printing Co. has a vested interest in protecting the environment in which we live, work, and play. As a leading manufacturer of blown film packaging, we believe that helping to maintain a healthy environment is one of our primary responsibilities. From our inception more than 70 years ago, Shields Bag & Printing Co. has been committed to waste reduction, responsible use of energy, and protection of the health of our employees and community. Our goal is to continue to lead the way in terms of sustainability by embracing new technology, fostering supplier relationships, collaborating with local universities, and conducting our business with integrity.

Some of our most recent company wide efforts include:

- Continuous proficiencies in resin use allow us to produce, upon request, a lighter gauge film which maximizes supply and minimizes waste.
- Research and Development projects aimed at utilizing non-oil derived polymers.
- Development of biodegradable packaging.
- Integrating recommendations found during our third party energy audit.
- Investing in emission control units to insure the destruction of contaminants before they enter the atmosphere.
- Upgrading equipment and systems to completely eliminate the solvent etching process for the manufacture of polymer printing plates. This has resulted in a significant reduction in electricity and the elimination of solvents in the platemaking process.
- Continuing emphasis on transitioning from solvent based inks to water-based ink systems wherever possible. In the near future this will significantly reduce the amount of solvent-based material used.
- Many of our customers are participating in our packaging material return / recycling program.
- Using intermodal shipping as much as possible to reduce our carbon footprint associated with transportation.
- We recycle and reuse all of our scrap materials.

It is our hope that by focusing on sustainability we will continue to be a leader in our field and set the example for others to follow with respect to environmental stewardship within our industry. We believe that initiatives such as those listed above can not only be cost effective but also increase our ability to service our customers while protecting the environment for future generations.