

Kimberly-Clark Professional* Education



Eye on the Environment

Reducing Waste in Manufacturing: The Kimberly-Clark Story
With more than 57,000 employees and manufacturing facilities in 37 countries, Kimberly-Clark Corporation has a mission to enhance the health, hygiene, and well-being of people every day, everywhere. Whether it's through the company's well-known global brands or through its Sustainable global operations, Kimberly-Clark maintains a commitment to innovation and progress in economic, environmental, safety, and social areas. That's one reason Kimberly-Clark is ranked Number 1 among personal care companies in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index, which comprises the top 10 percent of the 2,500 largest companies worldwide.

The Alliance to Save Energy has singled out Kimberly-Clark as an example of "leading U.S. manufacturers...adapting to a changing business environment [by] embracing waste minimization as a business-related strategy for reducing costs, making new revenue, and offsetting environmental risk." Here's how:

SUSTAINABILITY & PARTNERSHIPS

Kimberly-Clark Professional is totally committed to producing environmentally sound products that help its customers create an eco-friendly, economically profitable, productive and healthy place for people to live and work. The business also is driven by Kimberly-Clark's corporate-wide objectives to improve its own operational performance in energy, water, waste and environmental management systems. Here are just a few of the company's positive steps toward a Sustainable future:

- Improved energy efficiency by 19 percent since 2000.
- Recycled or converted into energy approximately 69 percent of manufacturing waste in 2005.
- Reduced water use by 29 percent since 2000.
- Required certification for 100 percent of fiber suppliers from one of five internationally recognized forest certification systems by the end of 2006.
- Achieved landfill-free status among 47 percent of facilities by the end of 2005.

Kimberly-Clark Professional is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, the leading U.S. nonprofit coalition advancing buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work – primarily through the USGBC's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. Kimberly-Clark Professional is complementing the goals of the LEED program for Existing Buildings through its expertise and comprehensive product line.



