



For over 70 years Caraustar Industries has been manufacturing 100% recycled paperboard products. Headquartered in Austell, GA, Caraustar operates 7 100% recycled paperboard mills & 9 recycling facilities across the country, recovering 2.4 million tons of paper each year. Caraustar develops partnerships with its vendors and customers to achieve collective sustainability goals. Committed to environmental sustainability - In the past 5 years, Caraustar Mills have reduced carbon emissions by 21.9%, reduced energy per ton by 14.6%, reduced water per ton by 18.9%. Caraustar's two mills in Georgia that manufacture products from recycled content have annual sales of \$3.8 million and employ 84 Georgians.

Caraustar Industries operates 100% recycled paperboard mills in Tama, IA, Tacoma, WA, Cincinnati, OH, Taylor, SC. and Austell, GA. Caraustar has 3 recycling facilities in Georgia: Columbus, Dalton, and Doraville. Additionally, Caraustar operates recycling facilities in Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio and Texas. Each plant receives, sorts, bales, and distributes paper fiber and plastic to domestic and international customers. Our plants and brokerage offices buy and sell bulk grades, high grades, salvage, stock lot, and non-fiber material.



SUSTAINABLE INNOVATIONS

- Caraustar's Recovered Fiber Group developed a program to collect and recycle used, damaged, obsolete and over-issued books for conversion into recycled paper products. We collected 18,000 tons of books in 2008.
- Caraustar uses vegetable and soy inks for the majority of our offset and flexographic printing, reducing the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) released into the environment. We have installed inking systems on our presses that control the consumption of ink and reduce the amount of ink waste by 20%.
- Caraustar packaging engineers analyze customer's structures and substrates to provide sustainable packaging alternatives, while meeting or exceeding specifications. Our packaging engineers re-designed one structure for a customer, which reduced the paperboard consumed by 45%, and reduced greenhouse gases by over 40%.
- Introduction of a 4th paperboard grade, ES paperboard (Environmentally Smart) made entirely of recovered fiber, with a minimum of 50% post-consumer waste.

AWARDS:

21st DuPont Packaging Innovations Awards: Noteworthy Accomplishment Award for Sustainable Packaging

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