

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

At Fortis Solutions Group, we believe protecting the planet isn't optional—it's a responsibility we all share. That's why sustainability is embedded in everything we do, from how we operate to the solutions we offer our customers.

We're continuously investing in advanced equipment that reduces waste and boosts efficiency across all our facilities. By embracing lean manufacturing principles, we're able to limit environmental impact while conserving energy and natural resources. Across North America, every Fortis location sets clear annual goals—like energy-efficient upgrades, water-saving initiatives, and robust recycling programs—to keep us moving forward.

Sustainability is also front and center in the way we serve our customers. Our Renew™ line of sustainable packaging spans pressure sensitive labels, flexible packaging, shrink sleeves, and folding cartons—giving brands sustainable options without compromising performance or design.

We're more than a packaging partner—we're collaborators. We understand the full supply chain, we maintain strong supplier relationships, and we work side by side with our customers to develop smart, sustainable solutions that deliver real impact.

Carlos Tapias

CEO

SUSTAINABILITY ISN'T JUST A TREND
IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY

OUR ROLE IN A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Importance of Packaging

Packaging plays a vital role in building a sustainable future—especially when it comes to reducing food waste and lowering our carbon footprint.

As a protective barrier, packaging helps preserve freshness, prevent spoilage, and ensure food reaches consumers safely and in optimal condition. This not only protects the product but also significantly cuts down on food waste throughout the supply chain.

By extending the shelf life of perishable items, packaging enables longer storage and reduces the chances of premature disposal. Even more, the shift toward sustainable packaging—like materials made with recycled content, designed for recycling, or responsibly sourced—helps keep waste out of landfills and supports a circular economy.

Sustainable Packaging Supply Chain

At Fortis, sustainability isn't just about the packaging—it's about the entire journey. We're committed to understanding the full supply chain, from sourcing to end-of-life, and making a meaningful impact every step of the way.

That's why we were one of the first packaging converters to join the Sustainable Packaging Coalition®, partnering with experts across the industry—from raw material suppliers to brands, recovery operations, and reuse innovators. Our close relationships with material vendors keep us at the forefront of sustainable material advancements, so we can bring the best, most forward-thinking solutions to our customers.

R&D Leadership

We recognize the urgency of reducing the environmental impact of packaging—and we're fully committed to being part of the solution.

For over 18 years, our team has delivered innovative packaging that meets our customers' needs while pushing the boundaries of what's possible. So, it's only natural that we lead with intention when it comes to sustainability.

At Fortis, we actively seek out the latest technologies and materials in sustainable packaging, ensuring we're not just keeping up with the global movement toward a greener future—we're helping drive it.



FLEXIBLE PACKAGING WITH A PURPOSE

At Fortis, we know flexible packaging plays a powerful role in driving sustainability forward. From reducing waste to cutting emissions, the right materials can make a lasting impact—and we're committed to offering solutions that align with both performance and planet-first values.

Recycled Content

Flexible packaging made with post-consumer recycled materials helps lower environmental impact by giving new life to existing resources. By integrating recycled content into our materials, we reduce reliance on virgin plastics and shrink the carbon footprint of the packaging lifecycle.

Recyclable Materials

As demand for circular solutions continues to grow, we're proud to offer flexible packaging options made from recyclable materials like high-density polyethylene (HDPE). These materials are designed for compatibility with today's recycling streams, helping close the loop and preserve valuable resources—all without sacrificing quality or performance.

Sustainably Sourced Materials

We also offer packaging made from renewable and responsibly managed sources. From bio-based films derived from corn, sugarcane, or cellophane, to FSC-certified paper, these materials are selected with care to reduce environmental impact and support a more regenerative packaging future.

As consumers and brands grow more conscious of their footprint, we're here to meet that momentum with innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to sustainability that runs deeper than the package itself.





LABELS

Smart Labeling for a Sustainable Future

Our label solutions are designed with recycling in mind—ensuring they support, not hinder, the circular economy. These innovative labels are engineered to cleanly separate during the recycling process, leaving behind no residue or contamination on PET containers.

The result? A smoother, more efficient recycling stream and higher-quality recycled materials ready for reuse.

By choosing recyclable-friendly label technologies, brands take a meaningful step toward more responsible packaging—helping protect the planet while still delivering a premium product experience.



SHRINK SLEEVES

Wash-Off Inks & Perforations That Make Recycling Easier

At Fortis, we're focused on every detail that supports a circular packaging future—including how materials behave at the end of their life.

Wash-off inks and perforated shrink sleeves are key innovations that help make recycling more efficient. These features allow shrink sleeves to be easily separated during the recycling process, ensuring containers can be processed cleanly without impacting the quality of the recovered material.

It's a simple solution with a big impact—empowering brands to create standout packaging that's also designed for what comes next.



FOLDING CARTONS

Folding Cartons with Post-Consumer Recycled Content

Paperboard packaging plays a meaningful role in driving the circular economy forward. With its natural recyclability and renewable origin, it's a smart, sustainable choice for brands looking to reduce their environmental impact.

Our folding cartons made with post-consumer recycled content support a closed-loop system—where materials are collected, processed, and reused again and again, without a significant loss in quality.

As consumers lean into eco-conscious choices, paperboard stands out as a packaging solution that's both responsible and resilient—minimizing waste, conserving energy, and helping brands deliver on their sustainability goals.



SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Lean Manufacturing & Sustainability at Fortis Solutions Group

At Fortis Solutions Group, sustainability is more than a goal — it's embedded in how we operate. Through lean manufacturing principles, we drive resource efficiency, eliminate waste, and streamline production processes to reduce environmental impact. By identifying and removing non-value-added activities, we optimize energy use, minimize raw material consumption, and actively reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Each of our manufacturing locations sets annual sustainability targets, aligned with both operational excellence and environmental stewardship. These efforts focus on continuous improvement initiatives that curb CO₂ emissions, reduce landfill waste, and lower energy usage — all while enhancing the efficiency of our processes.

PLANT ACTIVITIES

Waste Reduction & Landfill Diversion

Minimizing waste is a core strategy in our sustainability approach. Fortis continuously refines production workflows to reduce downtime and energy-intensive setups. Investments in digital pre-press technology help decrease waste and promote faster, cleaner production. As a result of our efforts, we've achieved a **2% reduction** in landfill contributions by expanding recycling initiatives and prioritizing reuse strategies.

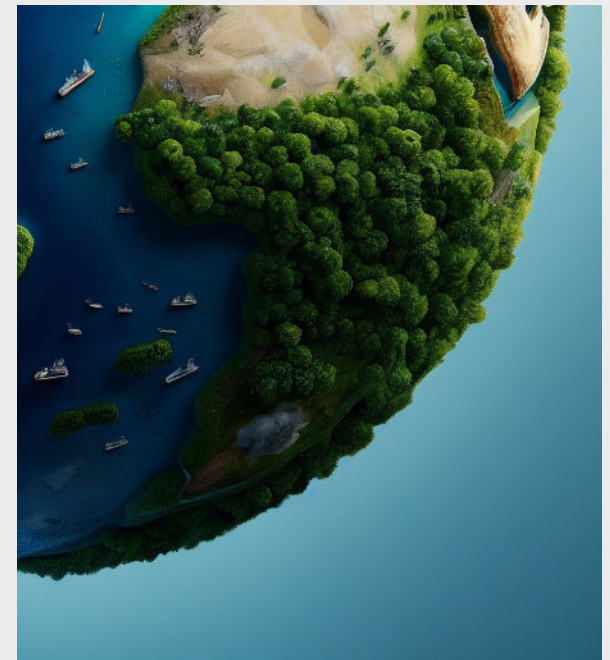
Energy Efficiency: Electricity & Natural Gas

Our commitment to reducing electricity and natural gas usage is reflected in the deployment of energy-efficient printing equipment, facility-wide LED upgrades, and regular energy audits to identify and eliminate inefficiencies. In the past year alone, we've seen measurable improvements:

- **Electricity usage** decreased by **3.2%**
- **Natural gas usage** decreased by **3.4%**

CO₂ Emissions & Environmental Data

We track energy consumption, fuel usage, and material flow to ensure accurate emissions monitoring and goal setting. These insights enable our teams to establish realistic, achievable reduction targets as we continue to improve the environmental footprint of our operations.





Looking Ahead: Five-Year Sustainability Targets

Fortis is committed to long-term environmental responsibility. Our five-year goals reflect a focused strategy to drive measurable progress across all key sustainability areas:

- **Reduce landfill waste by 20%**

Divert matrix waste, roll stock, and films to waste-to-energy programs; expand recycling; and reduce production scrap through better process controls.

- **Cut electricity and natural gas usage by 10%**

Continue investments in energy-efficient upgrades and annual energy audits.

- **Improve energy efficiency through facility consolidation by 15%**

Consolidate operations where feasible to reduce total energy demand and streamline production.

- **Lower VOC emissions by 10%**

Transition to LED-curable inks and phase out high-VOC materials in inks, adhesives, and cleaning agents.



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