

Sherman Williams Adopts Environmental Practices

Overview/Purpose: “Green” is more than just a color to Sherman Williams, it’s committing to environmentally preferable solutions in all areas of their business. Sherman Williams set out to adopt best practices in a number of areas to achieve this.

Challenge: As a leader in the coating industry Sherman Williams needed to address a number of different areas: air quality, waste water, pollution prevention, energy use, and emissions.

Solution: Sherman Williams focused on improving their manufacturing process in order to fully address the environmental impact of their products. Their manufacturing facilities were redesigned to



Sherman Williams sells a variety of coating products including household paint



Sherman Williams green coating, “green sure”

include UV reflecting windows, a heat reflexive roof, and optimized natural lighting. Sherman Williams also began using biodiesel fuel, recyclable stretch wrap at their distribution centers, and began

purchasing more bulk quantities of materials in reusable containers. Sherman Williams also increased recycling, reduced solid waste, converted to energy efficient lighting, and implemented zero discharge process practices in their manufacturing process.

Results:

- Multiple projects now qualify for LEED certification and GS-11 Green Seal
- Instituted frequent repairs for appliances and utilities reducing waste and emissions associated with older, poorly maintained properties.
- Focused improvements on waste, air quality, emissions, and efficiency improvements in manufacturing process

“Sherwin-Williams sees “green” as an ongoing initiative that describes their commitment to developing environmentally preferable solutions.” – Sherman Williams