



Oneida Global Foodservice has recently implemented an environmental awareness initiative. We understand the impact we and our suppliers have on the environment; everything from running an administrative office to manufacturing and packaging products purchased by our customers. This initiative is not only important to us; we know it's important to you, too. That is why we'd like you to know what initiatives and policies we currently have in place concerning the support of a greener planet, so you can feel confident in every purchase you make with us.

PARTNERING

Since Oneida's business is based heavily on the manufacturers who supply our broad brand portfolio, we take special care in partnering with suppliers that have environmental initiatives in place and are able to show what current efforts they are taking to reduce their environmental impact.

For example, many of our porcelain suppliers have discontinued using coal-burning kilns and invested in gas-operated fast-fire kilns which reduce emissions and consume less energy. On the metalware side of business, one of our largest flatware vendors has invested in non-corrosive furnaces, which reduce energy consumption and eliminate process waste. Other manufacturers have implemented waste heat and recovering systems, solar water heaters, and waste water recycling, just to name a few.

Overall, Oneida strives to ensure that all of our manufacturing partners have a clear awareness of their environmental impact and take actions to be as "green" as possible. We also ensure that each facility observes water and air pollution government regulations, and run clean, organized, facilities with recycling programs in place and safety equipment for employees.

RECYCLING

"Used" Tabletop Products

Oneida offers the opportunity for customers to recycle their old dinnerware and flatware after purchasing new tabletop products from us. We take the pre-used product and donate it to a not-for-profit organization in need of tabletop supplies, such as soup kitchens, churches and city missions. If, for some reason, the porcelain products cannot be re-used, it is important to note that porcelain is made from organic materials that cause no ground, water or air pollution when it comes time for disposal.

Paper and Printing

We have made a conscious effort internally to drastically reduce the amount of paper we use for printing and almost always, when feasible, choose electronic over print. When we do need to print documents and collateral materials, we make a conscious effort to use uncoated paper stocks and earth friendly black inks, and we recycle.

Packaging

All our products are packed in undyed, corrugated cartons that are easily-recyclable. Our packaging also features minimal, black-only printing with no special coatings that often interfere with the recycling process.

TRAVELING

Oneida is currently implementing a video conferencing system, which will allow us to significantly cut down on our air and car travel. This not only makes us more efficient as a business, it also enables us to do our part in reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions.