

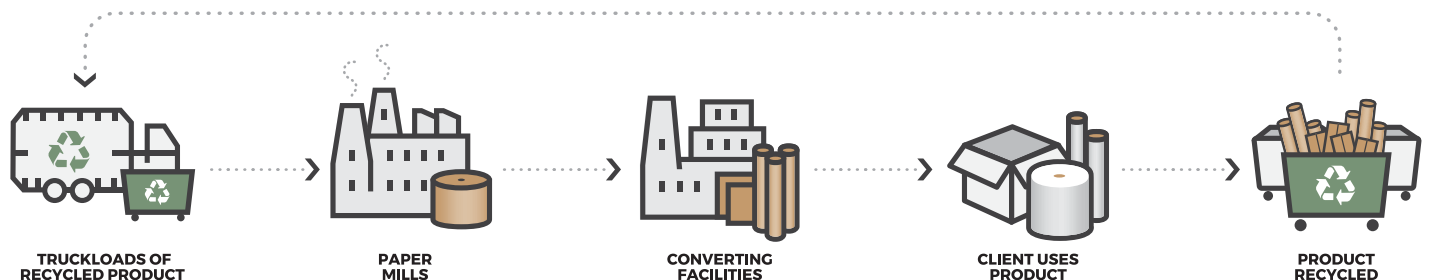


**OX INDUSTRIES**



## **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND MANUFACTURING FROM RESPONSIBLE SOURCES**

Ox Industries is the largest independently owned and vertically integrated producer of recycled paperboard, tubes and cores, specialty paperboard and protective packaging in the United States. Environmental stewardship and sustainable business practices are two of our long-standing commitments and are integral to our long-term business strategy. Ox takes pride in positively impacting the communities in which we operate by continuing to be environmentally secure and conducting business with safety as a core value. Continuous improvement initiatives focused on the safety of our employees and waste elimination as well as energy and cost reduction are the main drivers within our manufacturing process.



Ox consumes over 210,000 tons of recycled wastepaper each year that is then converted into a paperboard product for niche industries such as food packaging, protective packaging, pharmaceutical, canning and tube and core. Much of our raw material consumption is beyond ninety percent post-consumer waste; meaning the wastepaper has reached the end-consumer in the material stream before it is recycled.



Ox is a member in good standing with the Recycled Paperboard Technical Association (RPTA). The RPTA provides a 3rd party Comprehensive Program for Food-Contact Paperboard that is produced from recycled fiber. The comprehensive program provides for an annual auditing process as well as a quarterly and annual chemical and microbiological testing protocol and a chain-of-custody program for raw materials that includes chemical and raw fiber sources.



The recycled paperboard manufacturing process requires hundreds of millions of gallons of water each year. Our commitment to environmental sustainability has allowed us to achieve a zero-discharge for water at three of our four recycled paperboard mills to date.



#### **Ox continually works to achieve:**

- A reduction in energy consumption
- Increased usage of reclaimed internal process water resulting in a reduction in fresh water usage
- A reduction in waste and by-products
- Increased positive involvement within the communities we operate
- Alternative recycling and waste solutions for our communities

Ox has embedded safety, environmental stewardship and sustainability into our core business strategy. We are committed to a periodic review of our programs to ensure continuous improvement and added value to not only our employees, but to our loyal customers.

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