3M News

3M -- A Recognized Leader in Sustainability Efforts

3M made a longstanding commitment to sustainable development more than 35 years ago. The inception of 3M Pollution Prevention Pays (3P) in 1975 helped 3M integrate environmental solutions into product development to address environmental and health and safety risks and opportunities. Since then, 3M has been devoted to developing products – from materials acquisition and development to manufacturing, distribution, customer use and disposal – that boast green benefits throughout their life cycles.

Today, 3P and 3M's Life Cycle Management (LCM) programs seek to eliminate pollution at the source through product reformulation, process modification, equipment redesign, and recycling and reusing waste materials.

Recognition:

- For a record-setting 10th consecutive year, 3M received the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy for its comprehensive worldwide energy conservation efforts.
- 3M was selected as a member of the 2013 Dow Jones Sustainability Index, a global stock index that recognizes and tracks the performance of leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. 3M was one of only four diversified industrial companies selected and led the sector in the following key dimensions: Corporate Governance, Innovation Management, Operational Eco-Efficiency, Water-Related Risk Management and Human Capital Development.
- In 2013, the German Sustainability Award Foundation recognized 3M for its exemplary resource protection.

Product examples include:

- 3M™ Novec Fire Protection Fluid balances performance with a favorable environmental footprint.
- Scotch-Brite™ Greener Clean Pad incorporates agave plant into 50 percent of its fibers.
- 3M LED Advanced Lighting offers outstanding cost savings and energy efficiency –lasting for up to 25 years.
- 3M Window Film Prestige Series allows 70% of the visible light through windows while rejecting up to 60% of the heat.

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