



SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE **TREES**

Key environmental measurements for 2010



At **West Linn Paper Company** we recognize that our ability to meet our customers' needs for high quality, readily available paper products relies upon sustaining and improving the planet's natural resources.

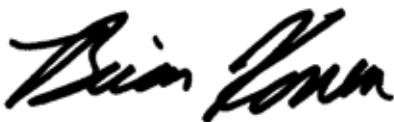
Our mill is situated at the foot of the Willamette Falls near Portland, Oregon, a city renowned for its scenic beauty, healthy natural ecosystems and conscientious citizenry. We need only to look east to the Cascade mountain range or west to the rugged Oregon coast to be reminded of the natural resources we strive to protect and preserve.

Sustainability can mean many things in modern conversations, but at West Linn Paper Company, we believe that sustainability means that we recognize the importance and value of our natural resources and are committed to make use of them in a way that best satisfies current demands without compromising future needs.

We offer product lines with certification that protects old growth and rainforest timber, wildlife habitat and the native human population living in or near forestland. We also monitor all of our fiber suppliers to ensure they comply with environmentally and socially responsible forest management practices, and we have added a procurement policy for our top non-fiber raw materials suppliers.

We've made significant improvements to our mill operations that have resulted in shrinking our carbon footprint and conserving natural resources: we've reached our 2012 goals for water and greenhouse gas emissions reductions and achieved annual reductions in our fossil fuel, natural gas and electricity consumption. We have established new goals and have raised the bar. By 2015, we plan to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and water usage by 25 percent and reduce waste by 20 percent.*

This report is an accounting of our efforts to produce our products in a more sustainable way. It is also our hope that this information will help our customers become better informed about how their paper purchasing decisions can be good choices for the environment.



Brian Konen

Chief Operating Officer

WEST LINN PAPER COMPANY

* Reduction targets will be compared to a 2005 baseline, and are to be measured on a per production-ton basis.



SUSTAINABLE PAPER BENEFITS YOUR COMPANY, YOUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

Your organization uses paper to inform, educate and communicate, build company image, convey brand and sell products. Savvy customers demand smooth, bright-white paper products that bring true-to-life reproduction and crisp, clear images to any printed piece.

At West Linn Paper Company, we have lightened our company's carbon footprint and lessened our environmental impact while providing paper products that meet and exceed the expectations of our customers. Switching your paper supply to post-consumer waste from paper made with virgin fiber can make a significant difference in the number of trees, electricity and water used while lessening greenhouse gas emissions produced during manufacturing.

We offer our Nature products with 10 to 30 percent recycled content, depending on customer needs. For companies committed to the triple bottom line, recycled paper is one giant step in the right direction.

RESPONSIBLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

When managed responsibly, forests remain healthy and able to sustain both the people who live in or near them and the industries that rely upon them for raw materials. Our commitment to sustainable forest management practices begins with our choice of fiber sources.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification are two ways we know that the following high standards have been met and evaluated by an independent third party.

West Linn Paper avoids using fiber originating from forest areas:

- **Where traditional or civil rights are violated.**
- **Where high conservation values are threatened by management activities.**
- **Where genetically modified trees are planted.**
- **Where trees have been harvested illegally or have been converted from natural forest to plantations or non-forest uses.**

If we determine that our company is using fiber from such sources in its certified products, we will promptly take action, including, if necessary, eliminating pulp purchases from such sources.



Know your paper's life cycle

All of the pulp used in our certified grades is tracked and documented through the chain-of-custody process. This means that purchasers of FSC- or SFI-certified paper can be assured that every link in the chain—from forest to pulp producer to mill—has met high standards that protect people, habitat and the environment.

West Linn Paper offers multiple product lines with FSC or SFI certification options. Informed customers want assurance that their corporate responsibility standards are met or exceeded. We work with you to help document your certification chain-of-custody, which also supports your Lacey Act compliance documentation needs. You'll know exactly where your paper came from—and so will your customers.

We document your paper's chain of custody so you know exactly where it comes from.



The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, Sierra Club, and Rainforest Alliance support and encourage FSC certification.¹

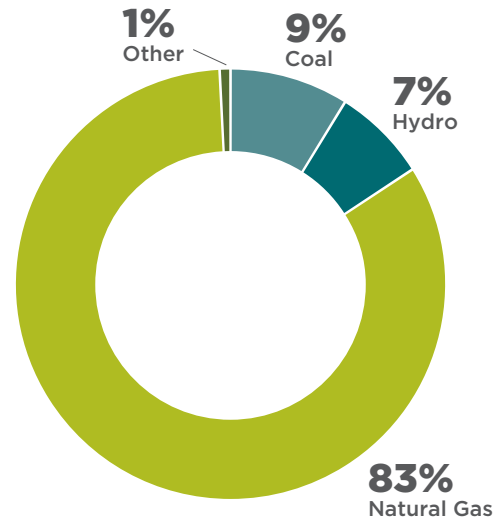
OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY USES LESS ENERGY

Since setting our baseline six years ago, West Linn Paper Company has continuously reduced the amount of energy used per ton of paper produced.

Innovation and improvements in mill operations can significantly reduce CO2 emissions, as well as the more conventional air pollutants (nitrous and sulfur oxides) that cause smog. In addition, a mill can be selective in choosing the raw materials used in its production process to reduce the quantity of volatile compounds released during the paper drying process.

Approximately 60 percent of our mill's emissions come from the operation of our boilers, and this is an ongoing area of innovation for us. By continually improving our boiler efficiency, we've significantly reduced greenhouse gases and our consumption of electricity, while increasing our production.

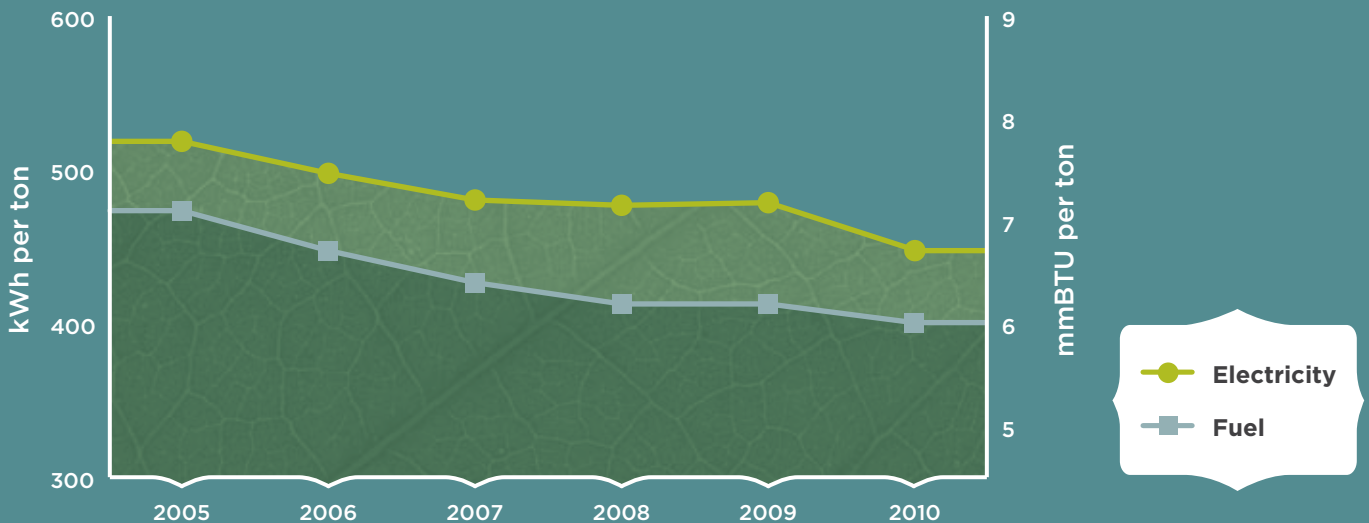
In addition, our water treatment plant processes more than five million gallons of water daily. By recycling



TOTAL ENERGY MIX
(Fuel + Electricity)

water used in our operations, we've reduced our energy needs. Since the recycled water is warmer than fresh water, less energy is required to heat the boilers that produce steam used in the papermaking process.

To lessen emissions associated with our transportation needs, we optimize our use of rail to ship product across North America. A large number of our customers

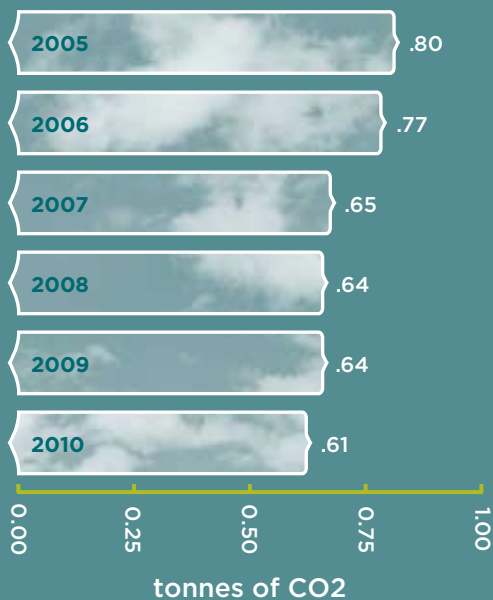


ELECTRICITY & FUEL CONSUMPTION
Per ton of paper produced

are located on the West Coast or in the western U.S. and Canada and are looking to reduce shipping distances and take advantage of our geographic location.

Accountability is key

Beginning in 2008, West Linn Paper Company was a founding reporter of the Climate Registry, through which all of its greenhouse gas emissions are verified. The Climate Registry is a nonprofit organization that provides meaningful information to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and establishes consistent, transparent standards throughout North America for businesses and governments to calculate, verify and publicly report their carbon footprints in a single, unified registry. The registry is committed to utilizing best practices in greenhouse gas emissions reporting.



AIR QUALITY/GHG EMISSIONS
Per ton of paper produced

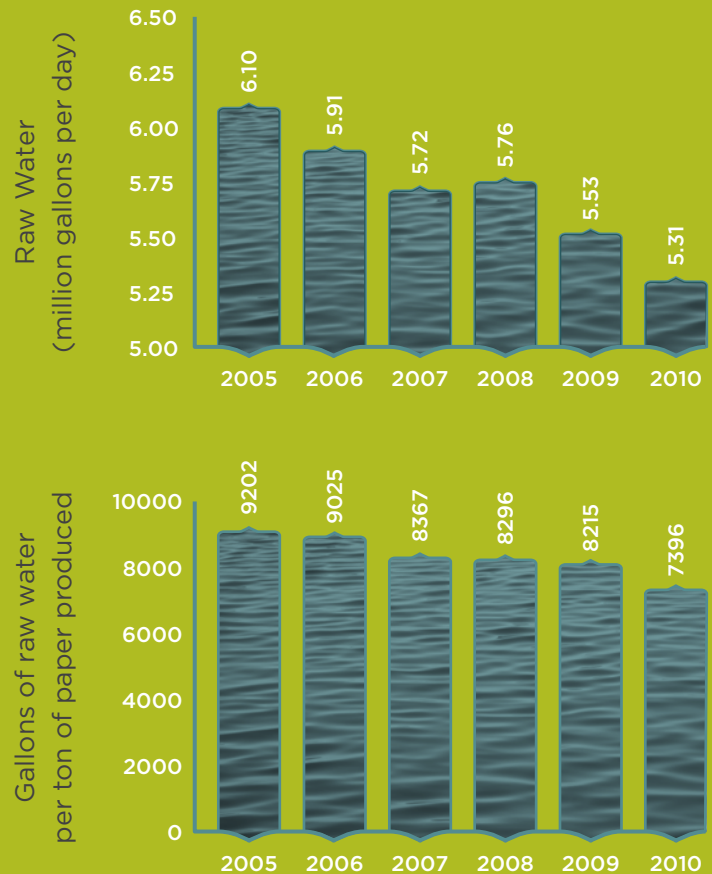
IMPROVING WATER QUALITY, REDUCING CONSUMPTION

From the water used to liquefy the pulp to the water converted to steam in a mill's boilers, our consumption and treatment of water is an essential component of our sustainable business practices.

Continuous improvement of our paper machines means that we generate only a fraction of the wastewater produced by the original ten machines that once operated on the site, and much of that water is recycled. That reduction in flow allows for significantly better performance by our large wastewater treatment plant, enabling us to reduce our mill's discharge of conventional water pollutants to levels well below Oregon's rigorous clean water standards.

Our reduced water consumption also means that the water we treat and then discharge to the river stays cooler, an important consideration for the health of salmon and other fish species that thrive in Oregon's naturally cold waters.

WATER CONSUMPTION



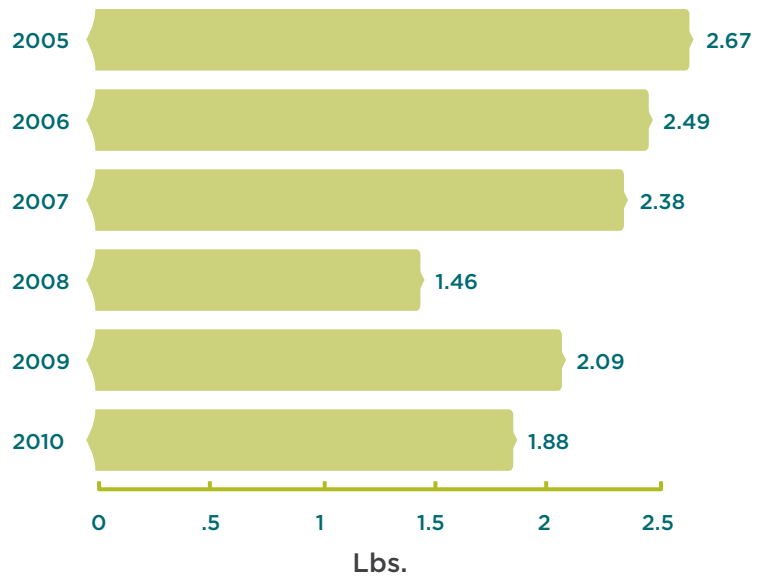
REDUCTION MEANS REUSING AND RECYCLING WASTE

Recycling is second nature in Oregon. Portland has one of the highest recycling rates in the country and is striving to increase the rate to 75 percent². There are high expectations that the commercial sector will do its part by recycling metal, cardboard, wire, wood and other waste products.

Paper makers have always recycled waste paper back into the process. In addition to our post-consumer waste (PCW), this pre-consumer waste is an integral part of our manufacturing to reuse off-quality or excess paper and put it right back into the system. Our largest waste stream—the wastewater solids that are generated in our wastewater treatment process—is provided to local grass seed farmers as a soil amendment.

Metals, cardboard, office and scrap paper, paper cores, wood pallets and other untreated wood are collected for recycling by our waste hauler. Other special materials—batteries, used fluorescent tubes, used oil—are collected and recycled. Our employees are diligent and creative in looking for ways to recycle or reuse the byproducts of our operation.

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SOLID WASTE GENERATED

Per ton of paper produced



WASTEWATER SOLIDS GENERATED

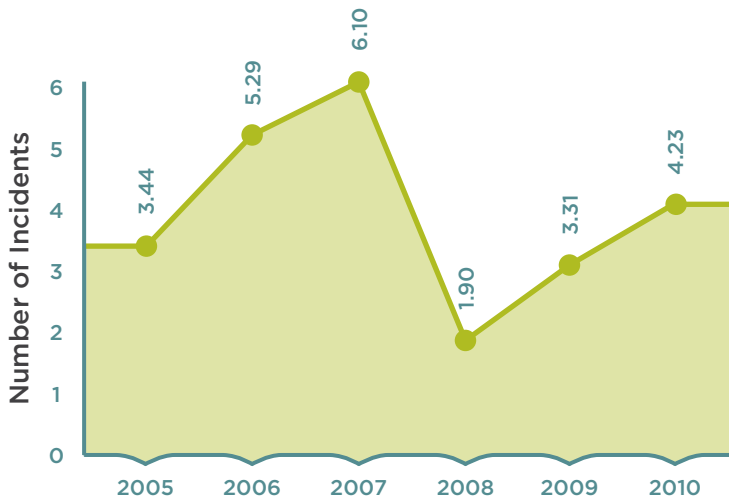
Per ton of paper produced

DEDICATED TO SAFETY— PEOPLE AND PRODUCTS

Like many industrial facilities in the U.S., we continually invest in equipment and training to reduce the potential for injuries to our employees. Although our recordable incident rate is far below the rate in our first years of operation, we recognize that we still have work to do.

West Linn Paper Company helps protect people and the environment from the potential risks of chemicals used in our manufacturing processes by monitoring and minimizing any toxic materials we use.

Our products test well below permitted limits and industry standards such as the ASTM standard for Toy Safety, California's Toxics in Packaging Act, the European Union's Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances and the Federal Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008.



RECORDABLE INCIDENT RATE

Per year per 100 people



With our sustainable paper product lines, we help drive support for forestry certification and recycled content.

RESPECT FOR PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY

West Linn Paper Company has a long history in this part of Oregon. A pulp or paper company has resided on this site at the foot of the Willamette Falls since 1889. Today our mill operates three machines, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to produce more than 700 tons of paper daily.

Our employees are the heart of our business. Nearly half have more than ten years of service with the company and they are well trained in the specific technical aspects of their jobs.

We are proud of our heritage and our role in the community and participate in community events that celebrate it. We make in-kind donations of paper for local schools, the community and children's projects.

Perhaps most importantly, we provide more than 250 family-wage jobs, producing a beneficial ripple effect throughout our local economy. We honor the hard work and dedication of our employees and provide a robust benefits package, including a profit-sharing plan distributed equally across all job classifications, from managers to machine operators to office staff.

Companies and industries have come and gone, but the paper mill in West Linn has remained an economically viable company and involved member of its community for over 120 years.

SUSTAINING AND PROTECTING THE FUTURE

We're proud of the policies and practices we've put in place so far and have set our sights on future improvements as well. Our goal is to reduce our environmental footprint while simultaneously increasing our production.

Continual innovation and pride in our operations and business practices will go a long way in helping us improve our company's environmental performance. But there is more we can do. With our sustainable paper product lines, Nature Plus and Nature Web, we help drive support for forestry certification and recycled content, which in turn allows us to provide our customers with top quality, cost-effective, readily available options for certified papers.





ABOUT WEST LINN PAPER COMPANY

West Linn Paper Company is an independent manufacturer of coated freesheet web paper and is the oldest active paper mill and the only coated freesheet manufacturer in the western United States. Our high-quality Sonoma® and Capistrano® brands are well known and well respected in the printing industry for their print quality and runnability. West Linn Paper Company's Nature Web® and Nature Plus® lines offer environmentally friendly, FSC-certified recycled papers with 10 to 30 percent post-consumer waste content.

West Linn Paper Company products are sold throughout North America and are used for high-end advertising materials, direct mail, magazines, catalogs and book publishing. For more information on West Linn Paper Company and our products visit our website at www.westlinnpaper.com.

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