

CARTONS



Carton Service CSI, LLC

Environmental Policy and *Commitment to Biodiversity*

It is almost a luxury in today's chaotic business environment that includes supply chain challenges, workforce shortages, and a new pandemic paradigm, that we can look squarely at the future and plan for reducing our environmental impact. And yet this "luxury" is, at the moment, one of the most important pieces of business planning we can do. The need for it is urgent, the importance to our children's ability to enjoy the wonders of this earth (particularly their health and security) are at stake.

Carton Service CSI, LLC, commits to upholding the integrity of our environment. We focus our efforts in four important areas: employing more efficient production processes, reducing our carbon footprint, protecting biodiversity, and contributing to a circular economy.

By 2030, Carton Service intends to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 42%, in line with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.





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Carton Service has achieved FSC® certification (FSC-C182277) to ensure that the paperboard materials (which are the main material in our folding cartons and gable top cartons) come from responsibly managed forests. We recognize the central importance of responsible forest management since forest destruction and degradation leads to an increase in atmospheric CO2 concentration and this can negatively impact our climate and biodiversity. Cartons can be made with FSC certified board upon request. We believe FSC certification will provide environmental, social and economic benefits. The FSC Principles and Criteria provide a foundation for all forest management standards globally, including the FSC US National Standard (v1.0) that guides forest management certification in the United States. In addition to our efforts regarding FSC Certification, we are committed to:

- Complying with all applicable environmental regulations;
- Preventing pollution whenever possible;
- Training all of our staff on our environmental program and empowering them to contribute and participate;
- Communicating our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, associates, and our community; and
- Continually improving our environmental performance by setting, reviewing and updating environmental goals;

Carton Service also has a commitment to a circular economy – not just ensuring raw materials are derived from sustainable and renewable resources, but also working to increase recycling rates and supporting the reuse of our packaging. To that end, we are participating in the Sustainable Packaging Coalition's collaborative efforts on Reusable and Compostable Packaging. We also attend and participate in several thought leadership conferences including the American Packaging Summit which features many sustainable packaging topics, the Sustainable Packaging Coalition's Advance Event which inspires many thoughts on renewable packaging efforts. In addition, many of our industry associations – the Specialty Food Association, the National Confectioners Association, the Refrigerated Food Association, and the Graphic Media Alliance regularly include how to incorporate more eco-friendly packaging into their meeting agendas.

