

Our Commitment to Stewardship and the Safe Use of Chemicals

At Sherwin-Williams, we are committed to delivering world-class products that are safe and effective when used as directed. To accomplish this, we follow a set of guiding principles regarding the safe use of chemicals in our formulations and manufacturing processes. These principles guide all phases of our product development and they are supported by a product stewardship strategy rooted in continuous improvement.

This means recognizing and addressing the potential impacts of our products throughout their life cycle — from design and development, through use and disposal and all steps in between. Product stewardship is essential to our continuous improvement and go-to market strategies. Our stewardship teams are the bridge between our businesses, our development teams and our customers.

Our strategy rests on the following pillars:

Life-Cycle Thinking

- At Sherwin-Williams, we strive to produce the best performing paint and coatings brands in all the markets we serve — in order to protect the appearance and longevity of the buildings and products to which they are applied; resulting in reduced life-cycle impacts and costs for our customers.
- We have a rigorous and science-based Life Cycle Assessment program (LCA), which is the foundation for an expanding number of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) on our architectural and industrial product lines.
- We provide our customers with information to meet their own compliance responsibilities, as well as producing the products they need to qualify for LEED® and other green-building programs.

Proactive Stewardship

- Sherwin-Williams continuously monitors for new and changing chemical legislation and trends that impact our products, our customers and our employees.
- When new information is identified, we conduct assessments and consider a wide range of impacts, including human health and the environment throughout the supply chain.
- Results are shared with affected businesses for collective decision-making. We engage with the impacted businesses and consider a wide range of decisions, such as labeling, instructions, warnings, and consideration for chemical substitution and/or reformulation.
- Our Stewardship and Research & Development teams actively collaborate during the product development process to identify and resolve safety, regulatory and customer requirements and concerns.

Operational Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS)

- Sherwin-Williams is committed to global leadership and excellence throughout our manufacturing, distribution and retail operations.
- Our EHS team manages operational hazards and risks to provide workplaces that are safe and healthy for our employees and the communities in which we operate.
- Our operations are tailored to preserve resources, prevent pollution and minimize the environmental impact of our activities.

Compliance Excellence

- As a global business, Sherwin-Williams products must meet requirements for hazard communication, chemical inventories, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and all other relevant regulations in the areas in which they are sold.
- We continuously track and assess the impact of new regulations and design the systems we need to effectively comply.
- Our hazard communication documents are distributed to our customers and are also available online.