

OUR IMPACTS & EFFORTS

WASTE

RETHINKING THE VALUE OF WASTE

Reducing waste is foundational to our new long-term Sustainability & Responsibility Strategy, [Made for Change](#). It also has a clear benefit for our business. Minimizing waste streams and increasing reuse and recycling is leading to significant financial savings, while creating a platform for greater engagement with our associates.

Apparel and footwear waste contributes a considerable amount to local landfills. Additionally, making and moving our products across the supply chain adds a significant amount of waste in our system. To continue reducing these waste streams, we are focused on transitioning our facilities to become zero-waste sites, which we define as sites that divert 95 percent or more of their waste away from disposal through recycling, composting and reuse. Only 5 percent of a facility's waste may be disposed at a landfill or waste-to-energy facility.

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Our approach to waste management addresses the areas where we have the greatest level of control and where we can achieve the highest levels of improvement. Since 2014, our waste reduction, reuse and recycling initiatives have led to more than 135,082 metric tons of waste being diverted from landfills. We have engaged thousands of associates in our distribution centers and offices in our zero-waste journey, creating enthusiasm and spurring meaningful actions to help us deliver on our waste and financial goals. We have tailored our waste reduction efforts to the distinct types of facilities across our operations.

DISTRIBUTION CENTERS



OFFICES



RETAIL



WHAT'S NEXT

Reducing the waste generated through the processing, manufacturing and finishing of our products is a priority. We will continue to partner with our suppliers on resource efficiency and innovative materials management, including the recycling of scrap textiles, particularly denim. We are also pursuing packaging reduction strategies, including shipping and secondary packaging as well as consumer-facing packaging interventions.

KEY PERFORMANCE DATA

229k

Pounds of plastic diverted from landfills through polybag recycling efforts with the Retail Industry Leaders Association

18k

Metric tons of waste diverted from landfills at VF's 14 zero-waste distribution centers

\$750k

Annual savings achieved by our Zero-Waste Programs at VF distribution centers

ADDITIONAL READING

[OUR APPROACH: CIRCULAR BUSINESS MODELS](#)

[OUR IMPACTS & EFFORTS: GREEN BUILDINGS](#)

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