

GOING GREENER

We're working toward a "greener" Kershaw every day.

Our Tualatin, Oregon manufacturing facilities employ strategies that reduce our use of non-recyclable materials and help us efficiently reuse all the materials we can. Our new offices were built with sustainable materials and practices in mind. And our packaging uses both recyclable and recycled materials.

Greener Manufacturing

Naturally, knife manufacturing requires the cutting and grinding of large quantities of steel. The machines that do this are lubricated with oil, while special coolant is used to keep both the machines and the steel cooler. Kershaw collects and reuses both the oil and the coolant to cut down on the use of petroleum products. All scrap metal is sent to a recycler. Even the metal-laden sludge from the grinding machines is separated from the coolant and recycled.

Our facilities use fluorescent light bulbs and we recycle both bulbs and batteries. And, of course, our lunchrooms provide recycling bins for bottles and cans.

Greener Offices

When we built the new offices on our Tualatin campus, our architects and construction team were asked to make sustainable choices. The offices were designed to be especially energy efficient. For example, the windows are tinted to help retain heat in the winter and cooling in summer. Sensors were installed so that lights automatically turn off in offices that are empty for a certain period of time. The carpet tile that was installed has a very low VOC (Volatile Organic Content) and PVC-free backing. (There are environmental concerns about PVC's toxicity.) All adhesives that were used in the construction are low VOC, as is the interior office paint and primer.

And, of course, we recycle office paper, cardboard, and plastics.

Greener Packaging

We know over-packaging is a key environmental concern. Kershaw works to be as sustainable as possible—while still protecting our products to ensure they reach our customers in perfect condition. For example, Kershaw recently switched to all-recycled shipping boxes. Our packing material is recyclable, as are our cardboard knife boxes and plastic "clamshell" packing.

As we move into the future, Kershaw will continue to strive to be an ecologically responsible company—from our manufacturing processes to our office practices and procedures.

