

Stearns' Sustainability Focus

Stearns Packaging Corporation's environmental commitment has endured since 1964. That year's pioneering innovation of premeasured cleaning products in portion-control was just the beginning of Stearns' sustainability leadership.

Today, Stearns' *Dispenser-Free*® technology continues to serve the well-being of the built environment and its population with products and control systems that reduce resource and energy-use sustainably.

Stearns Packaging's sustainability commitment embraces respect for our customers, our community, and our world. In partnership with the leading environmental protection and certification agencies, Stearns Packaging's *Dispenser-Free*® technology delivers tangible, verifiable performance, safety, and environmental benefits. New, greener, sustainable chemistry performs as well or better than the old and further source-reduced packaging technology reduces everyone's footprint.

Sustainability Milestones:

- 1965: Kroger Stores partner with Stearns Packaging to develop premeasured store floor maintenance program.
- May, 1968 issue, *Modern Packaging* magazine, 3-page feature on Stearns Packaging titled "Now—problem liquids in a pouch". The article proclaims "...economy...vastly reduced shipping weight...now such a package has achieved successful commercial reality in three important applications."
- 1978: Stearns Premeasured line repositioned for janitorial distributor channel.
- 1979: Oil crisis puts national spotlight on energy conservation. Wire services feature item on nation's business pages. "Stearns' Proposal 'Stop Shipping' Water!"
- 1991: 20th anniversary of Earth Day. Water Flakes® line of water-soluble premeasured packets developed. Zero-waste packaging achieved.
- 2004: Green Seal GS-37 Environmental Certification awarded.
- 2005: Stearns Packaging Corporation becomes key sponsor of Green Seal's GS-42 Green Cleaning Standard.
- 2007: *Dispenser-Free* Control Systems® position highlights waste reduction in process and product.
- 2007: *Your Green Cleaning Start-Up* booklet created. 1,000's distributed and included in ST-902 and ST-849A **Green Cleaning Starter Kits**.
- 2008: Water Flakes® water-solubles achieve EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) recognition.

Quality Commitment:

The employees of Stearns Packaging Corporation are committed to providing quality innovative products, on time, that consistently meet or exceed our customers' requirements and expectations.

Sustainability Commitment:

The natural beauty of southern Wisconsin and the progressive character of its people are in harmony with Stearns' longstanding example of good corporate citizenship. Stearns Packaging was a conscientious manufacturer of environmentally-preferable cleaning products decades before "sustainability" took on its present meaning.

For Stearns Packaging Corporation, sustainability will always mean applying resources in a way that will allow people to meet their needs today and in the future.