

Circular economy & sustainable resources management policy

Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions which are key ingredients in the wellbeing of each of us and the future of all.

Through its innovation capacity, Saint-Gobain Group provides concrete answers to a number of important challenges brought by the transition to a circular economy ensuring sustainable development in a rapidly changing world. In particular, as a producer and supplier of building materials, Saint-Gobain Group is a major stakeholder of construction sector, which consumes a significant percentage of resources worldwide.

Managing and reducing the impact of the use of resources throughout its products and services' life cycle is therefore part of Saint-Gobain Group's primary responsibility. As such, we are committed to :

Improve the design of our products and systems

- Take into account the entire product life cycle when designing a new product to minimize its environmental impacts and increase its circularity
- As an example develop new systems to help future building dismantling rather than building demolition

Optimize resources consumption

- Minimize virgin raw materials consumption
- Rather reuse products and materials or purchase recycled and renewable resources or products that respect renewal cycle
- Have a moderate and more efficient use of non-renewable resources
- Favor a local or regional supply
- Reduce and recover internal waste generated by our processes
 - Minimize their production
 - Achieve as soon as possible a full recovery of the internal scrap generated by our processes
- Reduce and Recover our products during installation phase and at the end of their life
 - In particular develop services dedicated to waste recovery and recycling coming from construction and deconstruction/demolition sites (products and packaging)
 - Promote waste reduction generated by our products during installation phase (optimized packaging, customized products, etc.)
 - Contribute to new modes of consumption development (leasing ...)
- Dialog and anticipate market expectations
 - Promote and strengthen dialogue with internal and external stakeholders
 - Develop territorial / geographical networks of sustainable economy
 - Integrate circular economy into training for professionals

Thanks to this policy, Saint-Gobain confirms its desire to minimize the environmental impact of its activities, and reaffirms its ambition to be recognized as a responsible company committed to continuous improvement, particularly in terms of sustainable management of resources and associated issues.

