

Our Biodiversity Policy

Biodiversity is influenced by the manufacturing industry. Since our inception in 1991, we have taken measures to align our practices with being stewards of systems, cultures, and values that allow ecological and sustainable developments to evolve and flourish.





"The Biodiversity Policy ultimately recognizes that human well-being and progress depend on the health of natural systems and that lasting development gains are not possible unless these systems are valued and safeguarded."

- United States Agency for International Development

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Inteplast Group aims to have a net zero/positive impact on local, regional, and global biodiversity for each of our facilities. We understand that this will not only benefit our workforce professionals, their families, and our surrounding communities today, it also lends promise to a brighter future in manufacturing, a vast industry to which we belong.

As a plastics fabrication company, we impact the five main drivers to biodiversity as defined by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Of the five, our industrial processes have a direct effect on how we minimize pollution, influence climate change, and avoid the exploitation of natural resources. We also influence the state of invasive species and changes in land and sea use.

Biodiversity speaks to the very ecosystems in which we live and work. We are determined to honor our responsibility in shaping environmental stability through the lessening of our collective carbon footprint. In our manufacturing setting, Inteplast Group remains fully committed to supporting and establishing sound and sustainable practices that contribute to the success of all ecosystems.





How we are actively working towards our aim

- We work with the LNRA Clan Rivers
 Program, which is partnered with the Texas
 Clean Rivers Program, to remain diligent in protecting the waterways near our Lolita site
- We participate in the Zero Waste Program to reduce and eliminate waste going to the landfill. Our goal is a 10% reduction in landfill waste per year
- Since 2014, we have been Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) members. This group was formed by the American Chemical Counsel and PLASTICS to insure the pursuit of zero plastic resin loss. We furthered our commitment by becoming an OCS Blue member in 2018
- We have increased our conservation efforts by joining the Texas Rural Water Association to remain up to date with all TCEQ policies and continue our educational journey
- We have doubled the size of our Environmental Department with plans to expand in the near future to ensure sustainable development
- We educate our supply chain partners on resin loss prevention
- Our onsite Utilities Department allows for the maximum reuse of water throughout our campus and submits all water for lab testing before reintroduction into regional waterways

- We utilize low air emission processes and ozone-destruct units, which allows us to operate under the permit-by-rule.
 This permit allows companies to produce emissions that are not believed to be substantial contributors to environmental contaminants.
- Our lighting systems and installations are designed to be energy efficient
- We continue developing environmentally friendly products and processes
- We promoting and contribute to circular economy values via the 4 R's; Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose
- We promote sustainability in our surrounding communities through creating a recycling program and similar learning, inclusive opportunities
- We host sitewide sustainability and recycling events for staff such as "Let's Taco about E-waste" where employees traded e-waste for taquitos
- Our shuttle bus program is used by more than 350 employees and reduces daily emissions by 175 vehicles or more
- We promoting carpooling with the Enterprise ride share program
- We have planting more than 700 trees on property



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