

# ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY



Environmental responsibility is a fundamental part of the retail business model. It is part of California retailers' commitment to their customers and the communities in which they operate and lead the way in making voluntary commitments to address key sustainability issues.

## REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Retailers including Lowe's, The Home Depot, Williams Sonoma, IKEA, Ulta, Gap Inc., Best Buy and Target joined the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), a collaboration of organizations including CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) and the UN Global Compact, to reduce their own carbon emissions in alignment with climate science.

In addition, the Fashion Pact requires signatory retailers in the apparel industry including Gap Inc. and Nike to:

- Achieve net-zero emissions by 2050
- Operate with 100% renewable energy by 2030
- Ensure half of all plastic is recyclable by 2030
- Support sustainable forest management

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Target, Walmart and other major retailers and suppliers joined to reduce the impact of plastic packaging. Sustainability goals include:

- Reducing plastic packaging by 20%
- Making all plastic packaging reusable, recyclable or compostable
- More than doubling the share of post-consumer content in plastic packaging

**Clothing.** Numerous major clothing retailers have joined the **Sustainable Apparel Coalition** to evaluate sources of materials and textile mills and meet sustainability goals. The Coalition's **Higg Index** provides valuable data to retailers to minimize the environmental impact of the products they buy and address labor concerns along the supply chain. Members of the Coalition include Amazon, Disney, Gap Inc., JC Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Nike, Target, The RealReal, Walmart and Williams Sonoma, among many others.



## REDUCING WASTE AND OTHER HARMFUL IMPACTS

Retailers are partnering with **Keep America Beautiful** and the **Recycling Partnership** to clean up plastic waste and divert recyclable plastic out of our landfills. Since 2014, the Recycling Partnership has diverted more than 50,000 tons of plastic away from landfills.



Multiple major retailers have set and achieved their own goals to divert 75-80% or more of their waste from landfills.

Retailers including The Home Depot, Best Buy, Amazon, CVS Health, Lowe's, Nike, Sephora, Target, Ulta, Walgreens and Walmart are members of the **Green Chemistry and Commerce Council (GC3)**. Through GC3, retailers are working to understand which chemicals of concern are in their products, develop and implement chemicals policies/strategies, engage their suppliers in identifying and adopting safer alternatives that perform and are cost-effective and educating their customers about safer products.