

Statement of Environmental Practices

Biodegradability – 20 years ago, it was fairly common to see “100% Biodegradable” on a cleaning product’s label. The test for biodegradability was somewhat simplistic, and determined by the scientific community to be less than precise. As a result, a number of scientific definitions and tests have entered the scene, none of which is accepted totally by all interested parties. Hence, the term was removed from labels and informational literature until an absolutely clear and precise definition and test protocol could be established, and universally accepted. While progress has been made, this has not yet happened.

U S Chemical, as part of the global organization JohnsonDiversey, subscribes to the standards of the FTC, and the OECD testing prescribed by that agency. The following general statement is our company’s formal position on this topic:

“We strive to make products from biodegradable or environmentally benign raw materials. The products we provide have the best combination of environmental and use performance available at this time. We are continually trying to improve our products for both use performance and environmental impact.”

We also subscribe to the Green Seal standard whenever possible. However, be aware that the Green Seal standards to not include warewash or laundry products. Their primary focus is in the jan san area.

Packaging – All plastic containers used by U S Chemical are recyclable and carry the appropriate plastic recycling symbol. By law, chemical containers cannot be made with recycled plastic, as it is considered an unsafe practice. One recent change we made was to a plastic bale on 5 gallon pails, replacing the traditional metal bales. The metal had to be removed from pails prior to recycling, which was a very difficult task. As a result, used pails often were land-filled rather than recycled. The new plastic bale can be recycled with the rest of the pail, simplifying and encouraging the recycling process.

Our corrugated boxes today are produced with between 30-40% post consumer recycled content, dependant entirely upon the weight/size ratio of the package and its ability to pass the required UN Proof of Performance testing. This recycled content is the highest level available for corrugated packaging.

In conclusion, hopefully it is obvious the U S Chemical is committed to being a responsible global citizen, acting with high levels of concern and regard for our environment, our customers, and our employees.