



Sustainability Initiative Goals 2025

Sustainability Initiatives focus on ongoing process improvement. For more information, submit a written request to Sr. Director Project Management, Angel Besta at abesta@greateromaha.com or visit www.greateromaha.com/sustainability.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT - In 2025, we are advancing our efforts with a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment system designed to improve water quality before it undergoes further processing.

Key highlights of our wastewater management initiatives include:

- **Enhanced Water Quality:** Advanced filtration ensures cleaner water that meets or exceeds environmental standards, protecting local waterways and ecosystems.
- **Reclaimed Water Use:** Increased reclaimed water usage reduces freshwater reliance and minimizes our environmental footprint.
- **Community Benefits:** Cleaner water supports natural resource protection and healthier communities.

WASTE REDUCTION - Over the past two years, we've made significant strides, particularly in reducing plastic usage and production waste, and we remain committed to doing even more.

- **Plastic Reduction:** Cut monthly plastic use by 32.65% from 98 tons in 2022 to 66 tons in 2024—equivalent to removing 7.9 million standard 16.9 oz. water bottles from the waste stream annually.
- **Cardboard Recycling:** Recycle an average of 63 tons of cardboard monthly.
- **Lighter Packaging:** Invested in thinner, lighter boxes and thinner plastics to reduce overall packaging materials.
- **Landfill Waste:** Reduced monthly production waste sent to landfills from 46 tons in 2022 to just 1.8 tons in 2024—a 96% decrease.

BYPRODUCT RECYCLING - We send byproducts like fat, bone, and trim to our rendering facilities to be recycled into valuable materials such as biofuels, animal feed, and industrial goods.

- **Waste Reduction:** Diverting organic waste from landfills reduces greenhouse gas emissions and conserves resources.
- **Sustainability Partnerships:** Collaborating with affiliates ensures efficient, sustainable processing of byproducts.

ROAD MILE OPTIMIZATION - Efficiency in transportation is key to reducing costs and minimizing environmental impact. Greater Omaha Packing prioritizes road mile optimization through more innovative logistics and load management:

- **Maximized Truck Loads:** By shipping trucks at higher weights—up to 50,000 pounds—we reduce the total number of loads, cutting both costs and our carbon footprint.
- **Consolidated Orders:** Smaller orders are combined to fill trucks, reducing miles traveled and lowering emissions.
- **Data-Driven Efficiency:** Daily load weight and mileage tracking helps us meet key performance indicators (KPIs) for freight efficiency and environmental goals.