Our Associates Make the Difference

Nationwiders take pride in making a difference in the lives of our members and our communities. This includes a dedication to reducing our environmental impact.

We’ve set aggressive long-term targets, and thanks to our associates’ efforts, we’ve exceeded our carbon footprint target well ahead of our 2025 goal. In 2019, we increased our carbon footprint goal to 26% and added a new long-term target for a 10% reduction in water consumption per full-time employee. We also moved all four long-term target completion dates from 2025 to 2026 to align with our centennial.

Our associates have enabled us to make significant progress in 2019 toward our long-term targets. Our Centralized Waste and Plastic Water Bottle programs diverted more than 2.4 million single-use plastic water bottles from the landfill by associates refilling bottles at water stations. Through our battery recycling program associates at all major locations recycled 1,203 pounds of batteries last year from home and work. Our Green Team Associate Resource Group has grown to 900 members and more associates get involved in our efforts each day.

We’re proud of our progress, and we look forward to achieving even more in 2020.
By 2026, Nationwide is committed to reducing carbon emissions per thousand square feet by **26%**. We’re making significant progress. Since 2010, we’ve reduced our carbon footprint by **23.6%**. The following examples helped us to achieve this accomplishment:

- **32** electric car charging stations in Downtown Columbus garages diverted more than **12,000** pounds of greenhouse gasses.
- We’ve saved over **$2.5 million** in 2019 by increasing our energy efficiency throughout the portfolio.
- Solar panels in Gainesville generate enough electric to power **100** homes and provided **19%** of the energy our building requires.
By 2026, Nationwide’s landfill diversion rate is forecasted to increase to 60%. Since 2010, we’ve increased our landfill diversion rate to 41.5%. Thanks to initiatives like these, we are making headway toward reaching our goal:

- Our associates have recycled a total 1,203 pounds of batteries
- 100% of Nationwide’s corporate electronics are either recycled or reused
- We composted 27,879 pounds of food waste in our Downtown Columbus and Grandview Yard locations
Target 3: Waste Reduction

By 2026, Nationwide will reduce the amount of waste generated per full-time employee (FTE) by 10%. In 2019, we reduced our waste by 98 tons. These examples highlight some of our waste reduction efforts:

- Nationwiders diverted over 2.4 million water bottles from the landfill, which translates to $3.6 million in associate savings.
- We printed 134,255,811 fewer pages in 2019 than we printed in 2012.
- It takes about 400 years for a single use plastic water bottle to decompose.

Did you know?
We added a fourth long-term target in 2019 aimed at reducing our water usage: By 2026, Nationwide will lessen the total water consumption per full-time employee (FTE) by 10%. In 2019, we reduced our water usage by 7.7 million gallons.

We continue to install low-flow bathroom fixtures, such as faucets and toilets, at many Nationwide locations.

These fixtures can help reduce water usage between 30% to 60%.
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