

**Optimize your packaging**  
**Minimize your footprint**  
**With experts that care**







# Ensure freshness all the way to the kitchen

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More than sixty years ago, the bold idea of giving materials a second life led to the creation of a company that respects nature: Cascades.

Thousands of Cascaders and their partners have since shaped the company's history and developed it to its full potential. Together, we look beyond the risks. Forging our own path. Showcasing Cascades as an immense source of possibilities.

Cascades creates packaging solutions that meet your specific needs while reducing your environmental footprint. As food safety and presentation are top priorities for consumers, our packaging ensures freshness all the way to the kitchen.

Just like you, we care about quality, and it's a central feature of what we do.





# Made with sustainability in mind

Cascades' packaging solutions are developed with sustainability in mind. Our innovative trays are made from recycled content and their design is based on our desire to use fewer materials and increase their potential for being recycled.

We continuously look for ways to improve our manufacturing methods to minimize water and energy as possible. With our sustainable packaging solutions, you help bring the circular economy to life and demonstrate your commitment to reducing your environmental footprint.

**Our innovations meet at least one of these criteria**

MADE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS



RECYCLABLE



REDUCED ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT



In 2025, Cascades was recognized for the sixth year in a row as one of the world's 100 Most Sustainable Corporations by Corporate Knights, a media, research, and financial information company. Once again, Cascades secured the top position in the Containers and Packaging industry and ranked 59<sup>th</sup> globally.



# Made from a range of recycled materials

With decades of experience in recovery, we understand the full potential of the materials we transform. When it comes to recycled plastic or cardboard, we work tirelessly to develop innovative and sustainable products in an effort to reduce our—and your—environmental footprint.

With plants strategically located in North America, Cascades' expertise is available across the continent. Choosing us means accessing a host of sustainable packaging solutions, made of a variety of recycled materials, that fit all of your packaging needs.

**Our  
recycled  
materials**

25% RECYCLED  
PS



100% RECYCLED  
PET



100% RECYCLED  
CARDBOARD



## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Recyclable<sup>1</sup> and made from 100% recycled fibres.



## PERFORMANCE

Rolled edge, thermoformed and performant moisture barrier, suitable for freezing. May come pre-padded.



## AMPLE THICKNESS

Designed for processors, with stacking and automated denesting on high-speed lines.

## FOOD SAFE

Food contact compliant under U.S. FDA and Health Canada provisions.<sup>2</sup> SQF certified facilities.

<sup>1</sup> The tray may not be recyclable in some areas. Please check with your municipality.

<sup>2</sup> When used in accordance with 21 CFR 176.170 of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations under Conditions of Use C-G.

## 100% RECYCLED CARDBOARD TRAYS

The unique cardboard tray for fresh proteins made from 100% recycled fibres in North America.

Our cardboard trays are made from 100% recycled fibres certified by the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® Licence number C002973). Yet these thermoformed trays with moisture barrier perform just as well as other plastic trays while remaining recyclable. This tray will effectively preserve your product while contributing to the circular economy.



## Reduces your environmental footprint

The use of 100% recycled cardboard in the production of our trays significantly contributes to reducing your carbon footprint. For example, by replacing one million of virgin foam trays with one million of our cardboard trays, you can make a difference\*:

↓ 33% CO<sub>2</sub>

The quantity of greenhouse gas emissions avoided is equivalent to 17 cars travelling the distance between New York City and Los Angeles.

↓ 50%

Less non-renewable resources are extracted, equivalent to 74 barrels of oil.



Watch our  
circular economy  
story

\* Source: Life Cycle Analysis of Cascades trays, Groupe AGECO, Montreal, July 2024. Scenario: 1 million virgin foam trays replaced with the same quantity of Cascades trays made from 100% recycled fibres, same format #3.

## Optimized operations

Our cardboard trays are designed to be compatible with automated high-speed lines, stacking and denesting equipments. Our laboratory tests demonstrate the tray's ability to resist moisture without sacrificing performance and stiffness.

## Different sizes available

Different depths, widths, and lengths available to best suits your needs. Its design combines efficiency, security, and sustainability. May come pre-padded upon request.





**SUSTAINABLE DESIGN**

Recyclable<sup>1</sup> and made from 100% recycled PET.



**PERFORMANCE**

Exclusive design for enhanced airflow circulation. Optimized for stacking and denesting.



**WIDE SELECTION**

Processor and grocery grades. May come pre-padded.

**FOOD SAFE**

Food contact compliant under U.S. FDA and Health Canada provisions.<sup>2</sup> SQF certified facilities.

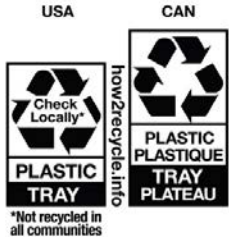
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**100% RECYCLED PET ROLLED EDGE TRAYS**

The eco-designed recyclable tray with rolled edge technology made from 100% recycled content in North America.

Designed to work properly on packaging equipment operating at high speeds, these recyclable<sup>1</sup> rolled edge trays showcase your products without requiring any changes to your operations, all while minimizing your environmental footprint.

With their innovative airflow bottom design, coupled with our full-coverage pads, these trays help limit browning when packaging red meat.



How2recycled® has prequalified these trays as widely recyclable in Canada and recyclable in selected communities in the United States.

**Reduces your environmental footprint**

The use of 100% recycled PET in the production of our trays significantly contributes to reducing your carbon footprint. For example, by replacing one million virgin PET trays with one million of our rPET trays, you can make a difference\*:



The quantity of greenhouse gas emissions avoided is equivalent to 92 cars driving between Montreal and Vancouver.



Less non-renewable resources are extracted, equivalent to 330 oil barrels.

\* Source: Life Cycle Analysis of Cascades trays, Groupe AGECO, Montreal, July 2024. Scenario: 1 million virgin PET trays replaced with the same quantity of Cascades trays made from 100% recycled PET, same format #3.

**Ergonomic tray**

- 1. Stiffness**  
Optimized design: ribbed for increased stiffness, minimizing the risk of warping.
- 2. Rolled edge**  
Innovative design: With their rolled edge, these trays are perfectly suited for any stretch film overwrap application. Their design prevents film tear, thus reducing potential losses and rewinding needs.



**Padless trays**

Discover our padless trays made from 100% recycled PET. Their unique capillary design eliminates the need for absorbent pads.





## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Recyclable<sup>1</sup> rim glued tray, made from 100% recycled PET.



## PERFORMANCE

Barrier properties, hermetic sealing, and compatible with most lidding films.



## WIDE SELECTION

Available in various sizes, colors, and pre-padded.

## FOOD SAFE

Food contact compliant under U.S. FDA and Health Canada provisions.<sup>2</sup> SQF certified facilities.

<sup>1</sup> The tray may not be recyclable in some areas. Please check with your municipality.

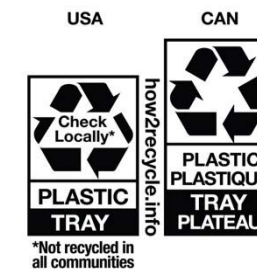
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## 100% RECYCLED PET MAP TRAYS

Extend the shelf life of your fresh meat with our barrier rim glued tray.

Lid sealable, our tray is an effective packaging solution for displaying your food and preserving it longer. Thanks to its optimal barrier properties and airtight seal with most barrier films, our tray keeps your products fresh and visually appealing for a longer time.



How2recycled® has prequalified these trays as widely recyclable<sup>1</sup> in Canada and recyclable in selected communities in the United States.



## Reduces your environmental footprint

The use of 100% recycled PET in the production of our trays significantly contributes to reducing your carbon footprint. For example, by replacing one million virgin MAP PP trays with the same quantity of our 100% recycled PET MAP trays, you can make a difference\*:



The amount of greenhouse gas emissions avoided is equivalent to driving 116,689 km, or nearly three times around the Earth.

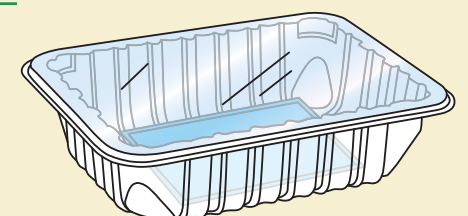


Fewer non-renewable resources are extracted, equivalent to 196 barrels of oil.

\* Source: Life Cycle Analysis of Cascades Trays, Groupe AGECO, Montreal, July 2024. Scenario: 1 million virgin PP trays replaced with the same quantity of Cascades trays made from 100% recycled PET, same format #3.

## Up to twice the shelf life

Combined with a shrink barrier film and the appropriate gas mix, our tray is an effective packaging solution that helps preserve food. Its grooves optimize gas circulation, helping preserve the color and freshness of proteins, while ensuring compatibility with automated lines.





## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

90% of air and 10% of material, minimum 25% of which is recycled.

## PERFORMANCE

Stackable, denestable and compatible with high-speed equipment.



## WIDE SELECTION

Available in various sizes, colors, and pre-padded.

## FOOD SAFE

Food contact compliant under U.S. FDA and Health Canada provisions.<sup>1</sup> SQF certified facilities.

<sup>1</sup> When used in accordance with 21 CFR 176.170 of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations under Conditions of Use C-G.

## 25% RECYCLED POLYSTYRENE TRAYS

Our foam trays: reliable freshness with minimum 25% recycled content.

At Cascades, we actively contribute to our customers' success by offering sustainable packaging solutions. Our polystyrene tray consists of 90% air and 10% material—at least 25% of which is recycled. Although made from recycled content, it performs just as well as a tray made from virgin material. This is because our rigorous development processes ensure reliable, quality products based on science.

## Reduces your environmental footprint

The use of 100% recycled PS in the production of our trays contributes to reducing your carbon footprint. For example, by replacing one million virgin polystyrene trays with the same quantity of our 25% recycled polystyrene trays, you can make a difference\*:



The quantity of greenhouse gas emissions avoided is equivalent to 15 cars driving between Montreal and Vancouver.



Less non-renewable resources would be extracted, equivalent to 44 oil barrels.

## Quality foam trays for freshness and eye-catching display

Our polystyrene trays help preserve food quality and prevent moisture, ensuring your products remain attractive on the shelf until they are consumed. They are perfect for producers, processors, distributors and retailers looking for dependable quality and standout presentation.



\* Source: Life Cycle Analysis of Cascades Trays, Groupe AGEKO, Montreal, July 2024. Scenario: 1 million virgin PS trays replaced with the same quantity of Cascades trays made from 25% recycled PS, same format #3.

## Compatible packaging solution

Our trays, in combination with stretch-shrink films and absorbent pads, make for a complete and effective packaging solution for preserving and displaying your food.

