



BRIDGESTONE

BRIDGESTONE WATER STEWARDSHIP POLICY

At Bridgestone, we understand the importance of freshwater supply and its value to the global community and believe fresh water should be equitably shared. In fact, less than 1% of the earth's freshwater capacity is immediately available for global daily needs. Global climate change, an increasing population and an expanding global economy further threaten the sustainable balance of the freshwater supply.

We consider water an essential resource for our operations; without it we would be unable to meet the global demand for our products. At Bridgestone, water is required for cooling and creating steam in our manufacturing processes as well as cultivating and processing natural rubber, an essential raw material.

In support of the global community's effort to preserve fresh water as a resource, Bridgestone is committed to researching and developing technologies to minimize water use by, among other items, implementing rain harvesting solutions in our manufacturing operations, producing low soil compaction agricultural tires and developing renewable low-water natural rubber crops. We accept the challenge and the responsibility to explore water preservation and conservation opportunities within our operations and to focus on opportunities that sustain and preserve the water cycle.

The Bridgestone Group has developed the following "Bridgestone Water Stewardship Policy," as part of *Our Way to Serve*, which contains "Our Mindset" and "Our Way". We intend to contribute and do our part to help ensure the use of fresh water is socially equitable and the water cycle is preserved for future generations. The policy also reflects our commitment to respect international engagements such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OUR MINDSET

SOCIALLY EQUITABLE

Water is a shared resource. Ensuring socially equitable water access demands the shared responsibility and the cooperation of all stakeholders.

The Bridgestone Group remains committed to socially equitable water access through cooperation with communities and stakeholders in order to address water challenges. We believe access to clean water is a basic human right. Accordingly, we provide safe water and promote proper hygiene and sanitation to all employees, contractors and visitors.

WATER CYCLE PRESERVATION

A healthy environment is the foundation of our ecosystem and our society, and the water cycle is a critical component in achieving and maintaining long-term growth and the continued health of our communities.

The Bridgestone Group makes every effort to demonstrate, promote and preserve the water cycle within our communities by promoting water efficiency, stakeholder engagement and continued compliance with regulations.



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OUR WAY

UNDERSTAND

- Understand the local water sources, how water is used and the balance between water withdrawal and discharge
- Understand water challenges in local communities through stakeholder engagement
- Educate employees as to the importance of solving local water challenges

IMPROVE LOCALLY

- Reduce water withdrawal and increase water-use efficiency through our innovations and continuous improvement
- Improve the balance in the local water cycle in cooperation with local communities through stakeholder engagement
- Require suppliers to comply with laws and regulations regarding water including the prevention of unlawful effluent discharge, and encourage them to identify their water risks and to manage their water usage in a manner consistent with this Policy

MAINTAIN

- Strive to maintain a balance between water withdrawal and discharge
- Comply with regulatory and internal water usage and efficiency standards
- Promote stakeholder interaction through sharing water efficiency best practices and knowledge that are employed across our operations

With this policy, the Bridgestone Group aims to promote socially equitable water access and preservation of the water cycle in the communities in which we operate.

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