A. O. Smith Corporation Publishes 2026 Sustainability Report

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MILWAUKEE, Nov. 19, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Global water technology company A. O. Smith Corporation ("the Company") (NYSE: AOS) announced the release of its 2026 Sustainability Report, which documents the Company's sustainability activities, progress and performance in 2025 and 2026. The report shows that the Company exceeded all three of its environmental goals, covering greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity, operational water savings and landfill waste reduction. This is the fifth sustainability report released by the Company in the last eight years.



"This report is one of the clearest ways we hold ourselves accountable to our customers, employees, investors and communities," said Stephen Shafer, chairman and chief executive officer. "Exceeding all three of our environmental goals reflects the dedication of our teams around the world, and independent third-party limited assurance of key 2025 environmental metrics gives our stakeholders added confidence in the data we report. It is a direct expression of our purpose to find a better way."

The following highlights summarize select 2025 and 2026 sustainability performance and product developments. Supporting scope, methodologies, baselines, certifications and other qualifying information are provided in the Sustainability Report[1]. Please see the Annex at the bottom of this press release, which includes additional information regarding our metrics, methodologies and assurances.

Report highlights:

- **Exceeded all three environmental goals**, achieving a 32% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions intensity against a 10% target, 99 million gallons in annual operational water savings against a 40-million-gallon goal, and an 809,000-pound reduction in landfill waste against a 525,000-pound goal[2].
- **Advanced our portfolio of water heating solutions**, including the nationwide launch of the ENERGY STAR-certified Voltex® X outdoor split heat pump water heater, which provides an additional installation option for colder climates and space-constrained homes.
- **Delivered water-treatment solutions with independently certified performance** for Aquasana HealthShield ™ and InterFlo® QuadPro SST products certified to applicable NSF/ANSI standards for the reduction of PFAS and volatile organic compounds[3].
- **Expanded employee development and career growth opportunities** with 100% of full-time salaried employees having documented development plans and 96% employee participation in our 2026 Global Employee Engagement Survey.

- **Increased transparency and accountability** by achieving independent third-party limited assurance verification[4] for environmental performance metrics in 2025, which are Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas, greenhouse gas intensity, water use and waste to landfill, while earning recognition as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by Ethisphere[5] for the third consecutive year.

"The achievements highlighted in this report reflect the work of our teams across A. O. Smith from January 2025 through September 2026 to continually improve our products and operations," said Shafer. "We have built on that progress through practical innovation that we believe responds to customer needs and strengthens the value we've delivered through our water technologies."

Learn more about our sustainability efforts at www.aosmith.com/Sustainability.

About A. O. Smith

A. O. Smith Corporation, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is a global leader applying innovative technology to products manufactured and marketed worldwide. Listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: AOS), the company is one of the world's leading manufacturers of residential and commercial water heating equipment and boilers, as well as a manufacturer of water treatment and water management products. For more information, visit www.aosmith.com.

A. O. Smith 2026 Sustainability Report Annex:

1. **Reporting period.** Unless otherwise noted, the Sustainability Report covers calendar-year 2025 and selected 2026 developments through Sept. 30, 2026.

2. **Environmental goals and performance metrics.** The greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions-intensity result is measured against a 2019 baseline. The water-savings result is measured against a 2023 baseline, and the waste-to-landfill result is measured against a 2024 baseline.

   GHG emissions intensity covers manufacturing operations, excluding three small facilities and acquisitions since 2019, representing 97% of the operational boundary. Scope 1 and Scope 2 location-based emissions calculations use the latest electric-grid emissions factors available on Jan. 1 of each reporting year. GHG emissions-intensity is calculated by MT CO2e/$MM revenue.

   Water-goal locations represent 99% of the operational boundary. Water savings include reduced water use and qualifying recycled or recirculated water.

   Waste to landfill covers the seven largest North American manufacturing plants, representing 90% of total waste to landfill within the operational boundary. The 2024 waste baseline was restated in the Sustainability Report due to an additional waste stream identified

   Figures are rounded for presentation, while changes and goal progress are calculated using underlying data; totals may therefore differ slightly.

3. **Product performance and certifications.** Water Quality Association, NSF/ANSI and CSA certifications apply only to the specified products, contaminants, capacities, standards and test conditions. Additional information is available in the applicable product specifications and performance data sheets.

   Aquasana HealthShield is WQA certified to NSF/ANSI 53 for PFAS and volatile organic compounds and NSF/ANSI 401 for BPA and ibuprofen. When tested to NSF/ANSI 53, the PFAS reduction claim covers PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS and PFHpA below 20 parts per trillion and PFOA and PFOS below 4 parts per trillion.

   InterFlo QuadPro SST is WQA certified to NSF/ANSI 58 and CSA B483.1 for the reduction claims specified in the product's performance sheet.

4. **External verification.** SCS Global Services independently verified, at a limited-assurance level, the following 2025 Climate & Environment metrics: GHG emissions intensity; Scope 1 GHG emissions for 2019, 2024 and 2025; Scope 2 location-based GHG emissions for 2019, 2024 and 2025; water use at goal locations for 2025; and waste to landfill for 2025. The SCS verification logo in the Sustainability Report applies only to these five metrics.

5. **Third-party awards and recognitions.** Third-party awards and recognitions by Ethisphere reflect the criteria and evaluation processes established by the awarding organization. They are presented to identify recognition received by A. O. Smith and do not represent A. O. Smith environmental certifications.

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