

## Economic Profile

## Florida Tile Inc.

Lawrenceburg, Kentucky

### CONTINUED USE



Tile Manufacturer

### CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY

Kentucky Department for Environmental  
Protection

The Florida Tile Inc. facility in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, has been manufacturing ceramic and porcelain tile for over 60 years. The pioneering tile company makes products for residential and commercial developments across the world.

Routine facility inspections by the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) determined that improved waste disposal and storage practices were needed at the facility to protect human health and the environment. With oversight by KDEP under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program), Florida Tile cleaned up the area of waste releases and constructed an alternate storage area for waste.

Florida Tile's cleanup allowed the company to continue its productive use of the facility in an environmentally sound manner. Today, Florida Tile's Lawrenceburg facility, together with the UPS Supply Chain Solutions business also located at the facility, generate nearly \$20 million in annual sales and employ 82 people, who earn a combined estimated income of nearly \$5 million per year.



ANNUAL SALES

**\$20 million**



EMPLOYEES

**82**



ANNUAL WAGES

**\$5 million**

For more information about RCRA and the economic benefits of site reuse, visit [www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-hazardous-waste-cleanups](http://www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-hazardous-waste-cleanups)



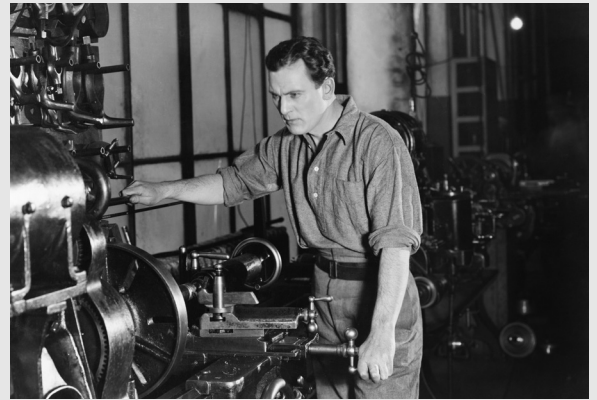
## FLORIDA TILE CONTINUES TO INNOVATE ITS OPERATIONS TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS IN THE U.S. TILE MARKET.

Florida Tile has been manufacturing high-quality tile products since the mid-1900s. The company has remained a leader in the tile industry by welcoming innovation and new technologies. Florida Tile was the first to produce pressed floor tile in the U.S. and produced the first large, glazed wall tile that required only one round of firing in the kiln. More recently, Florida Tile developed a porcelain production line that allows for manufacturing of large-scale porcelain tiles, one of only three such factories in the country.

Florida Tile is committed to environmental accountability and aims to develop sustainable products. The company uses pre-consumer recycled content in all products made at its Lawrenceburg facility, which helps builders earn green-building certifications. Florida Tile was the first tile manufacturer to be awarded GREENGUARD® certification, which guarantees that its products release no volatile organic compounds into the air.

Florida Tile partners with Mountain Re-Source Center, a nonprofit that takes unused building materials to donate to their nonprofit partners, such as Habitat for Humanity. Florida Tile donates unsellable tile, which supports building and repairing houses for low-income families across the country and also keeps tile out of landfills.

Florida Tile continues to innovate its operations to remain competitive and environmentally conscious in the U.S. tile market. After its cleanup under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program, the facility remains an economic boon to the Lawrenceburg area by providing more than 80 jobs and generating \$20 million in revenue per year.



In 1954, Florida Tile opened its first tile manufacturing facility, in Florida. As business operations expanded, they later moved their facilities to Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.



Florida Tile's advanced manufacturing facility and national distribution center are strategically located in the central U.S., allowing easy access to major distribution routes.