



## Regal Springs® ZERO waste policy

At Regal Springs®, none of our 100% All-Natural Tilapia goes to waste. Even though only 35% of the fish is cut into fillets or loins, the rest of the fish is distributed for reuse in other industries. This is because Regal Springs® follows a strict zero-waste policy, meaning the company works every day to eliminate waste in landfills, starting with their processing line.

Zero-waste policies are nothing new, and many other companies have protocols for recycling and reducing waste. But what happens to the rest of the fish at Regal Springs®? It might surprise you to see the different ways a fish can be reused!

### **Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics**

Some scales and fish skins are used in gelatin and collagen for pharmaceuticals. Gelatin is commonly used in the shell of the capsules for vitamins, minerals and medications. Collagen is often used in the cosmetic products like face cream to help smooth wrinkles.

### **Clothing**

If not used for pharmaceuticals, Tilapia skins are sent out to be turned into leather. Leather made from a fish may sound strange, but the scales on the skin give a textured appearance to the leather that cow skin can't. Regal Springs® has a sister company that tans them and turns them into clothing accessories, the most popular of which being belts.

### **Fuel**

Fish oil and solids are separated in the production process, and can become animal feed or biodiesel fuel that powers our trucks and other equipment. The effort to create animal feed out of fish solids is combined with Regal Springs®' use of a vegetable-based feed for our Tilapia—both are ways to help eliminate the need for fish to be harvested just to become feed for other animals.

Clearly Tilapia are good for more than just eating! With every part of the fish being put to good use, Regal Springs® is taking steps to reducing waste and keeping the earth a clean and beautiful place to live.

