



Fisher Barton Blades Expands into New Watertown Facility

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Fisher Barton Blades Inc. (FBBI), an operating division of the Fisher Barton Group, is excited to announce the relocation of their Watertown mower blade operation into a larger modern manufacturing facility. The new facility, located adjacent to the Watertown airport, has double the manufacturing floor space as the former plant. The additional space will be utilized for product packaging and direct order fulfillment for Fisher Barton's OEM customers.

"The former Blades manufacturing plant had areas that were more than 90 years old," said Shane Bonner, Fisher Barton Blades president. "The plant grew with the company over the years, requiring multiple additions that resulted in a disjointed floor plan and uneven floors. The facility just did not lend itself to modern manufacturing methodologies such as cellular manufacturing and in-line flow. These challenges, coupled with our OEM customer's requests to assist with order fulfillment and distribution, motivated us to consider other locations. We were very pleased to find an existing building located in Watertown, just two miles from the former facility."

The decision to remain in Watertown reaffirms Fisher Barton's four-decade commitment to the community and retains 65 family-sustaining jobs.

Fisher Barton Blades, the largest world-wide lawn mower blade producer, is one of eight subsidiaries of the Fisher Barton Group of companies. Since 1973, FBBI has been producing high quality blades for the industry's leading outdoor power equipment manufacturers. The space in the new facility will enable FBBI to provide even more value to its OEM customers by offering product packaging and direct-to market service blade order fulfillment services.

About Fisher Barton Group-

The Fisher-Barton Group of independent companies includes Accurate Specialties, Fisher Barton Blades, Fisher Barton Specialty Products, Thermal Spray Technologies, Fisher Barton South Carolina, Lineage Alloys, Zenith Cutter, and Lund Precision Products Ireland. Together, they leverage their materials expertise and world leading process innovations to manufacture high value components for a variety of markets including agricultural equipment, converting equipment, outdoor power equipment, medical device, recycling equipment and oil and gas markets. Business unit products consist of industrial knives and accessories, lawn mower blades, agricultural knives, power transmission components, stampings, thermal spray coatings, and heat treated weldments. For more information, visit www.fisher-barton.com or watch our [company video on Youtube](#).