

Earth Day 2022

A Commitment to Sustainability

Every day is Earth Day at Stericycle. We safely treat and dispose of potentially infectious and harmful materials and securely destroy private information on an enormous scale, helping to protect what matters. Our essential services help customers meet their sustainability goals and keep them compliant with federal, state, and local regulations. These efforts provide a crucial benefit to the public, protecting the health and well-being of our communities across the globe.



Stericycle's Service Impact Globally in 2021

1.5

BILLION POUNDS
of medical waste safely disposed
through our regulated medical
waste services



equal to the weight of about
155,000 adult African elephants¹



1.1

BILLION POUNDS
of paper recycled through
Shred-it's secure information
destruction services



equal to approximately
9 million trees saved²



104

MILLION POUNDS
of plastic generation avoided
and diverted from landfills from
our reusable sharps containers



equal to the weight of about
18,900 adult white rhinos³



40

MILLION POUNDS
of unused medications
safely disposed through our
pharmaceutical waste services



equal to the weight of about
160 adult blue whales⁴



Source:

1. The weight of an African elephant is 5,000 to 14,000 pounds (average 9,500 pounds), <https://www.elephantsforafrica.org/elephant-facts/>, accessed 3/11/2022.
2. One ton of paper recycled is equal to 17 trees, <https://www.usi.edu/recycle/paper-recycling-facts/>, accessed 3/11/2022.
3. The weight of an adult white rhino is 3,080 to 7,920 pounds (average 5,500 pounds), <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/blog/rhinoceros-fact-sheet>, accessed 3/11/2022.
4. The weight of an adult blue whale is 200,000 to 300,000 pounds (average 250,000 pounds), <https://www.marinemammalcenter.org/animal-care/learn-about-marine-mammals/cetaceans/blue-whale>, accessed 3/11/2022.