

# A Commitment to Sustainability

Every day, Stericycle safely treats and disposes of potentially infectious and harmful materials and safeguards private information on an enormous scale. As a global leader in medical waste management and secure information destruction, we provide our customers with essential services and resources to help them meet their sustainability goals and keep them compliant with state and federal 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 in 2020

**1.5 BILLION POUNDS**  
of medical waste safely disposed



**1.1 BILLION POUNDS**  
of paper recycled








**104 MILLION POUNDS**  
of plastic generation avoided  
and diverted from landfills






**40 MILLION POUNDS**  
of unused pharmaceuticals  
safely disposed<sup>1</sup>



To help **reduce our environmental impact**, we strive to integrate processes in our operations that minimize reliance on natural resources. Here are examples of programs we use in some of our medical waste treatment facilities:

-  Recovery of heat energy from incineration through steam turbines
-  Energy recovery coils to reuse heat from autoclave steam exhaust
-  Automated hand washing stations
-  Wastewater treatment technologies
-  High efficiency HVAC systems

Furthermore, we're constantly looking at ways to **reduce our environmental footprint** and protect the environment across all parts of our business. Here are additional strategies we've employed to further progress towards sustainability:

-  Installed more efficient LED lighting to save 238.2 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year
-  Use 65- and 95-gallon Shred-it bins, which are molded from 100% recycled HDPE plastic
-  Reduced the number of times a bale of shredded paper is tied, eliminating 40,000 pounds of steel annually per plant

We protect what matters.

Learn more about Stericycle's [commitment to sustainability](#) and how our [suite of solutions](#) can positively impact your organization's sustainability goals.

