



When the earth is sick and polluted, human health is impossible.... To heal ourselves we must heal our planet, and to heal our planet we must heal ourselves."

— Bobby McLeod

Fact: 36% of the commercial workforce goes to work in an office building each day. A typical business office will produce about 1.5 pounds of paper waste per employee each day. In a year that accumulates to 10,000 sheets of paper per person!

Fact: We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.

Fact: Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Most of them are thrown away!

Fact: Out of every \$10 spent buying things, \$1 (10%) goes for packaging that is thrown away. Packaging represents about 65% of household trash. About one-third of an average dump is made up of packaging material!

MIDSCI decided to step up and help in the quest for a greener world.

Here are just a few things we are doing to help heal our planet and ourselves.

- Selling more environmentally friendly products-pipet tips with cardboard racks; refill systems which cut down on plastic; biodegradable flasks; reagent reservoirs with less overall plastic content; ethidium bromide extractors from Whatman and Elchrom to concentrate hazardous waste for disposal
- Pipettor calibration to extend the life of your pipettor



- Recycling all paper/cardboard– have on-site dumpster with weekly pick up by recycling company
- Moving towards more e-marketing than paper marketing, which cuts down on paper use
- Turning down the heater in the warehouse at night and on weekends
- Donating used shoes to the Shoeman organization, which helps provide drinking water in Africa (through the sale of shoes)
- Compact fluorescent or miser watt bulbs in the warehouse, with plans to gradually replace other lights as they need replacing, with eco bulbs
- Recycle used computers by delivering them to a company in St. Louis.
- Instituted on-site recycling of aluminum, glass, and plastic



- Reusing styrofoam packing boxes
- Switched from peanuts to air pillows, which cuts down on packing waste
- Donating or selling used pallets from big shipments

We are doing our part and ask you to do the same.

The impact of one individual is not big, but in the masses we make a difference!

