



*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!**

