

# Combining Information Protection and Recycling

## What can you do to make a difference?

Offices in the United States use 12.1 trillion sheets of paper per year.<sup>1</sup> Using paper can have negative impacts on the environment if thrown into the trash, contributing to landfill volume. Paper can take up to 26% of landfill space.<sup>1</sup> So, how do you keep your discarded paper out of the landfill in a way that helps keep your company's confidential data safe? Use a secure document destruction service that aims to recycle all shredded paper, like Shred-it®. In 2022 Shred-it® recycled approximately 1 billion pounds of paper, which is the equivalent of the amount of paper that could be harvested from approximately 9 million trees.

## What is a shred-it-all policy?

Implementing a shred-it-all policy can help ensure your employees throw confidential papers into a secure console for shredding versus a recycling bin. This policy encourages the regular destruction of all documents to help ensure no confidential information is left in the open that could fall into the wrong hands while at the same time recycling the paper.

## Secure recycling is only the beginning.

Our commitment to the environment goes beyond recycling. Our Shred-it® consoles are made out of 100% recovered and recycled fibers. Shred-it® aims to reduce truck idling time, where possible, to help reduce emissions associated with fuel burn. For Shred-it® trucks with on-site shredding or loading capability, Shred-it® also aims to use biodegradable hydraulic fluids versus conventional fluids which are better for the environment.

## 6 Recycling Fast Facts:

- ▶ Of all global wood harvested, **42% is used to make paper.**<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Paper can take up to **26% of the space in landfills.**<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Recycling one ton of paper can save resources equivalent to approximately **1,400 liters of oil and 26,500 liters of water.**<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ 17 trees can absorb up to **250 pounds of carbon dioxide** from the air per year.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ U.S. office spaces use **12.1 trillion sheets of paper** per year.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ The process of recycling paper creates **74% less air pollution and 50% less water** compared to creating paper from new materials.<sup>2</sup>

**We protect what matters.™**

