

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING



As the Sudden Service® leader in the connector industry with a focus on High Speed Interconnects, Samtec is committed to conducting its business in a manner that will preserve and protect the environment.

The Commitment:

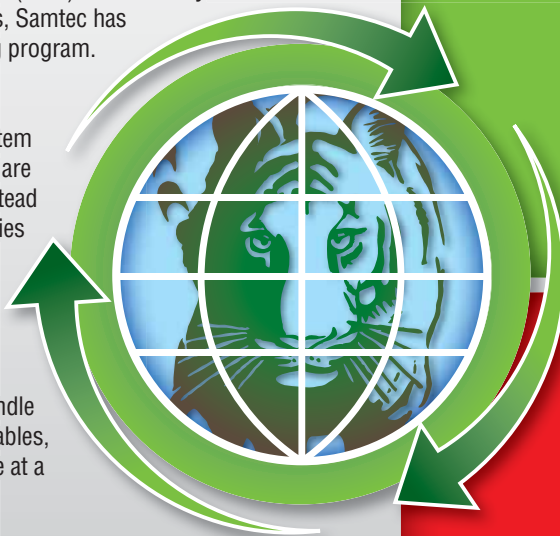
- Complying with environmental laws and other requirements
- Promoting the prevention of pollution
- Conserving natural resources
- Recycling materials
- Reducing waste

In response to Samtec's on-going commitment for proactive and beyond compliance activities within our community, Samtec was awarded the Indiana Environmental Stewardship designation in February 2009.

Our Environmental Management System (EMS) is continually improving, and as a part of these efforts, Samtec has implemented a Single Stream Recycling program.

The Process:

Single Stream Recycling refers to a system in which all paper fibers and containers are mixed together in a collection truck, instead of being sorted into separate commodities (newspaper, cardboard, plastic, glass, etc.) by each person and handled separately throughout the collection process. In a Single Stream Recycling program, both the collection and processing systems are designed to handle this fully commingled mixture of recyclables, with materials being separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility.



The Test:

Samtec has tested this new program and in one month, Single Stream Recycling resulted in an additional 4,000 pounds of waste (20 percent of total) being recovered from the trash and then recycled. In order to completely transition to a Single Stream Recycling program, all the waste cans throughout Samtec New Albany will be replaced and/or relabeled.

The Results:

Over the past six months, Samtec also instituted a new environmental initiative in regards to Styrofoam. Each Samtec Associate was given a reusable cup, and the coffee cups were replaced as well. This change eliminated the use of over 100,000 Styrofoam cups annually. It takes Styrofoam over 500 years to decompose in a landfill. In addition, Styrofoam is a petroleum based product as are its decomposition materials.

In the last two years, Samtec has also partnered with a recycler to reclaim cupric chloride waste from its Flex Circuitry process. This has resulted in over 2,000 pounds monthly of waste being diverted from hazardous waste disposal to an almost 100 percent recycling process.

We appreciate every Associate's effort in supporting Samtec's commitment to continual environmental improvement.

DO

Paper

envelopes • folders • notebooks • pads

Print

newspapers • magazines • catalogs • paperback books
telephone books

Cardboard

carrier stock (soft drink cases) • brown paper bags

Cartons

milk • juice • etc.

Aluminum

cans • trays • foil

Steel

cans • tins

Plastic

beverage bottles • food containers
household cleaners • etc.

DON'T

Styrofoam

cups • packing material • etc.

Ink

pens • cartridges • white-out • etc.

Food

peels • waste edibles

Restroom Papers

No free liquids should be disposed of in any disposal can

Here are just a few of Samtec's environmental objectives each year:

- Cardboard recycled - 230,000 pounds
- Paper recycled - 37,000 pounds
- Industrial plastic recycled - 78,000 pounds
- Drinking bottles recycled - 2,600 pounds
- Aluminum cans recycled - 1,283 pounds