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## **KEEP THE PLANET SAFE AND RECYCLE PPE WASTE WITH TERRACYCLE**

*TerraCycle's Zero Waste Boxes Offer Safe Recycling Solutions for PPE Waste*

**TRENTON, NJ, June 8, 2020** – This World Environment Day, the global community is asked to take urgent action to halt the destruction of biodiversity and rethink humanity's relationship with nature. In the wake of COVID-19, the planet needs protection from the surge of improperly discarded personal protective equipment (PPE) that is leaking into marine environments and posing serious hazards to ocean wildlife.

TerraCycle's Zero Waste Boxes provide a convenient recycling solution for all types of single-use PPE, which are not recyclable through conventional recycling facilities. When placed in public spaces such as grocery stores, big-box stores and parks, Zero Waste Boxes encourage people to responsibly dispose of their protective gear instead of tossing items on the ground.

To recycle PPE waste, TerraCycle offers the following Zero Waste Boxes:

- [\*\*Safety Equipment and Protective Gear Zero Waste Boxes\*\*](#) – to recycle disposable safety gear including garments, gloves, masks and safety glasses.
- [\*\*Disposable Garments Zero Waste Box\*\*](#) – to recycle chemical protection suits, flame resistant suits, and smocks.
- [\*\*Disposable Gloves Zero Waste Box\*\*](#) – to recycle vinyl, nitrile, and latex gloves.
- [\*\*Disposable Masks Zero Waste Box\*\*](#) – to recycle surgical and industrial face masks.

For large-scale recycling solutions, TerraCycle offers the following Zero Waste Pallets:

- [\*\*Safety Equipment and Protective Gear Zero Waste Pallet\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Disposable Garments Zero Waste Pallet\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Disposable Gloves Zero Waste Pallet\*\*](#)

When full, the boxes can be returned to TerraCycle for processing and the collected waste will be cleaned, melted and remolded to make new products.

TerraCycle, the world's leader in the collection and repurposing of complex waste streams, created the Zero Waste Box program to provide solutions for difficult-to-recycle waste that cannot be recycled through TerraCycle's brand-sponsored, national recycling programs or via standard municipal recycling.

All Zero Waste Boxes are sealed while in transit, limiting any possibility of contamination. The boxes travel for up to a week before they are received at TerraCycle facilities, where additional safety

precautions are taken in accordance with CDC recommendations. The Zero Waste Box program does not accept medical waste or biohazardous materials.

“During this time of uncertainty, our Zero Waste Box program provides easy solutions for keeping waste out of landfills and paving the way for a greener future,” says Tom Szaky, CEO and founder of TerraCycle. “Our goal is for all consumers to engage with TerraCycle recycling programs in a safe manner.”

TerraCycle works with major manufacturers and retailers to recycle products and packaging that would normally be thrown away. To learn more about TerraCycle and its innovative recycling solutions, visit [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

### **About TerraCycle**

TerraCycle is an innovative waste management company with a mission to eliminate the idea of waste. Operating nationally across 21 countries, TerraCycle partners with leading consumer product companies, retailers and cities to recycle products and packages, from dirty diapers to cigarette butts, that would otherwise end up being landfilled or incinerated. In addition, TerraCycle works with leading consumer product companies to integrate hard to recycle waste streams, such as ocean plastic, into their products and packaging. Its new division, Loop, is the first shopping system that gives consumers a way to shop for their favorite brands in durable, reusable packaging. TerraCycle has won over 200 awards for sustainability and has donated over \$44 million to schools and charities since its founding more than 15 years ago and was named #10 in Fortune magazine’s list of 52 companies Changing the World. To learn more about TerraCycle or get involved in its recycling programs, please visit [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com).

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