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TerraCycle Introduces ScienceCycle - A National Recycling Solution Designed for Laboratory Waste

TRENTON, NJ, November 8, 2023 - Today, international recycling leader TerraCycle is launching ScienceCycle, a national program designed to provide scientists and lab professionals with a recycling solution for their hard-to-recycle waste, like disposable gloves and masks, safety equipment and more. [Studies](#) show that every year scientific labs generate over 6 million tons of plastic waste worldwide, which is why Terracycle launched the new platform, designed to divert as much lab waste from the landfill as possible.

“A busy day of analyzing samples and conducting tests can result in a tremendous amount of waste,” said Tom Szaky, Founder and CEO of TerraCycle. “We developed a new program that is designed to change that dynamic and divert this huge waste stream from the landfill.”

From pipette tips, tubes, and Petri dishes, to safety equipment, disposable gloves and masks - single-use consumables are pervasive and indispensable in the modern laboratory setting. To address this typically non recyclable waste, ScienceCycle utilizes TerraCycle’s innovative Zero Waste Box program to recycle the most common waste streams found in the lab setting, including:

- [Centrifuge Tubes & Rigid Lab Plastics - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Safety Equipment and Protective Gear - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Disposable Garments - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Disposable Gloves - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Disposable Masks - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Ear Plugs - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Hair Nets and Beard Nets - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Break Room Separation - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Office Separation - Zero Waste Box](#)
- [Plastic Packaging - Zero Waste Box](#)

How ScienceCycle works:

- **Order** – Laboratory staff order boxes that suit their needs which are shipped directly to their labs.
- **Collect** – ScienceCycle boxes are placed in designated high-traffic areas throughout the laboratory to easily collect the various categories of lab waste.
- **Ship** – Once full, the laboratory sends their box to TerraCycle via the pre-affixed UPS shipping label.

- **Recycle** – The lab waste is saved from landfills and recycled by TerraCycle.

To learn more about ScienceCycle and its innovative recycling solutions designed for lab professionals, visit www.sciencecycle.com. To learn more about how TerraCycle works with major manufacturers and retailers to recycle products and packaging that would normally be thrown away visit www.terracycle.com.

About TerraCycle

TerraCycle is an international leader in innovative sustainability solutions, creating and operating first-of-their-kind platforms in recycling, recycled materials, and reuse. Across 21 countries, TerraCycle is on a mission to rethink waste and develop practical solutions for today's complex waste challenges. The company engages an expansive multi-stakeholder community across a wide range of accessible programs, from Fortune 500 companies to schools and individuals. To learn more about TerraCycle and join them on their journey to move the world from a linear economy to a circular one, please visit www.terracycle.com.