3D Systems Waste Management Practices

3D Systems is committed to reducing the environmental impact from its internal operations by consistently following the waste management plans adopted at each facility. We are committed to identifying and advocating for more sustainable options to reduce our effect on the environment. Waste management plans specify the management, control, and disposition of items designated as waste materials with the goals of:

1) Minimizing the amount of waste generated to the extent practicable, and
2) Maximizing the amount of waste generated that can be recycled, reused, or otherwise diverted from direct landfill disposal.
3) Meeting the federal and state regulations regarding waste.

3D Systems contracts with local, state, or country certified hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste, e-waste, and recycling transporters, and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities, for the proper disposal of waste generated from our operations.

Hazardous Waste Considerations

3D Systems hazardous waste in the U.S. is managed under the rules of the EPA’s Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) with specific requirements based on generator status. Small and large quantity generators are required to apply for an EPA ID number and comply with the regulations applicable to each generator status. Waste must be accumulated in a designated location with very specific labeling, inspections, and accumulation quantity and days being applicable. Additionally, the waste must be delivered to an authorized hazardous waste facility for disposal and use EPA manifest process for the shipping documents. For those countries outside of the U.S., similar laws provide guidance for which 3D Systems adheres to and complies with. Many 3D Systems sites are audited by local, state, or country inspectors who verify compliance with the regulatory requirements.

E-Waste Considerations

We are committed to identifying and advocating for more sustainable options to reduce our effect on the environment. As such, 3D Systems responsibly disposes of e-waste in line with company best practices and standards, and in accordance with applicable local legislation. These practices while implemented have allowed 3D Systems to recycle 11,892 pounds of e-waste.

Data Collection

Each year, 3D System collects waste generation data from its larger facilities for the purpose of voluntarily reporting total hazardous and non-hazardous waste volumes. We continue to collect statistics on waste products from our various offices around the world to stay on top of changing trends. Data is publicly disclosed at https://www.3dsystems.com/make-an-impact.