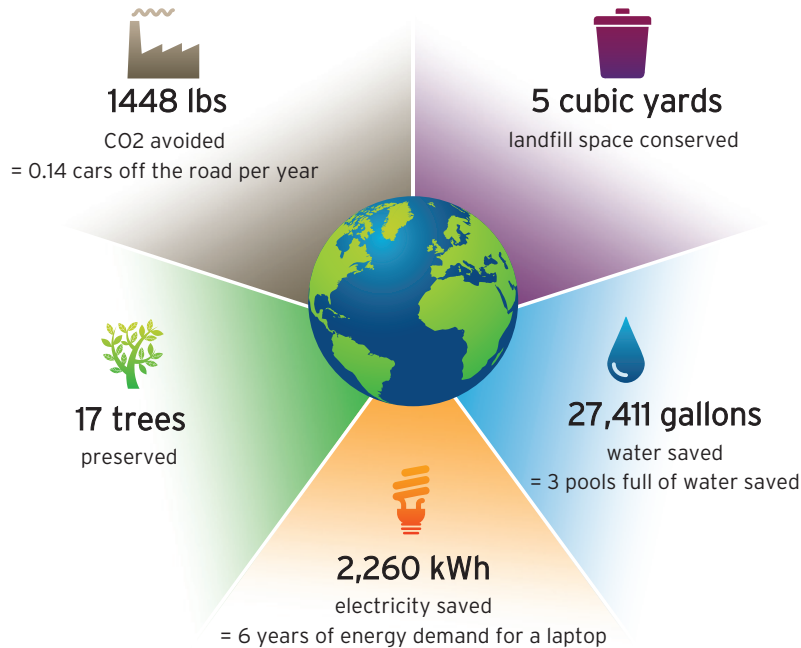# IRON MOUNTAIN®

SAMPLE REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Your eco-friendly decision to securely shred and recycle 1.0 short (US) ton(s) of paper with Iron Mountain resulted in the following environmental benefits between **January and March of 2015**:

1448 lbs
CO2 avoided
= 0.14 cars off the road per year

5 cubic yards
landfill space conserved

17 trees
preserved

27,411 gallons
water saved
= 3 pools full of water saved

2,260 kWh
electricity saved
= 6 years of energy demand for a laptop

UNDERSTANDING THE SUSTAINABILITY PROCESS

Once Iron Mountain securely shreds information, the processed materials are transported to paper mills for pulping. This destruction process provides benefits to both the security of your **small** business and to the global environment by reducing pollution, preserving landfill space and likewise saving trees, water, and energy resources.

For additional information regarding the environmental benefits of Iron Mountain® Secure Shredding solutions, visit our website at www.ironmountain.com/services/secure-shredding.

REFERENCES

All calculations for metrics in this report were calculated by an independent third party named Quantis, a leading lifecycle assessment consulting firm specializing in supporting companies to measure, understand and manage the environmental impacts of their products, services and operations.

Assumes that, for each short ton of paper recycled, 17 trees are preserved (USEPA 2013a. Communicating the Benefits of Recycling. http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/tools/localgov/benefits/).

Assumes the density of dry office paper entering landfill is 5 cubic yards per short ton (Iron Mountain's measurement).

Assumes a notebook laptop computer is rated 120 watts, used eight hours a day, 365 days per year (estimation).

Assumes a household in-ground pool volume of 12' x 24' x 5' (estimation).

Assumes each short ton of CO2-eq emissions saved is the equivalent to 0.189 cars taken off road annually (USEPA 2013b. Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator. http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html).