



🌱 **Tennessee Industrial Printing** is an environmentally sound company. We embrace practices that treat our natural resources with great care. Because paper is our main product, we see ourselves as part of the cycle of sustainability needed to preserve paper and trees for years to come. We are a responsible printing company and we do all it takes to protect the environment from the contaminating forces of ink and other chemicals. That is what **TIPS greenprint** is all about.

🌱 Our recycling efforts save nearly 1,000 trees per year. Paper is integral to our business. We handle this precious resource with care. **TIPS** only buys its stock from vendors who offer post-consumer, or recycled, fibers as part of their paper-making process. These vendors are all typically certified as Sustainability Forest Initiative or Forest Stewardship Council companies. So, we start with paper that is made from as much recycled product as possible. Then, we make sure all our scrap paper is collected and recycled by a local, licensed and bonded company. The paper and printing industry as a whole has embraced this recycling trend. Because of the increased recycling and the industry's push for forest replanting, there are now more trees on the planet than there were 70 years ago. For our part, in a typical year, we recycle 85,000 pounds of paper. That amount equals the paper output of nearly 1,000 typical trees.

🌱 We manage inks and chemicals responsibly. **TIPS** handles its inks, chemicals and cleaning cloths with great care to ensure there is no harm to the local environment. After the inks are used on our presses, they are washed off and captured in 55 gallon drums. A local, licensed and bonded company is employed to remove this waste and dispose of it properly. This ensures the hazardous materials are not released into the local water system. In addition, the cloths used to clean ink from the printing presses need to be handled with care. **TIPS** safely stores the dirty rags on site and uses a licensed and bonded laundry service to pick up and clean these rags safely and without harm to the environment. Other chemicals used in the printing process – like the imaging fluid for making plates or soy-based inks in the digital printers – are environmentally safe and are disposed of on site.

🌱 Sustainability is the key. **TIPS** stays compliant with the state and federal mandates – and then we go beyond those requirements. We need to make sure we protect and preserve our environment. We don't do it because we have to – we do it because it's the right thing to do.