

# Bausch + Lomb Reports More Than Five Million Units Of Contact Lens Materials Recycled By Second Anniversary Of ONE By ONE Recycling Program

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## **First-of-its-Kind Contact Lens Recycling Program in the United States Diverts Nearly 31,000 Lbs. of Waste**

BRIDGEWATER, N.J., Nov. 15, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Bausch + Lomb, a leading global eye health company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Bausch Health Companies Inc. (NYSE:/TSX:BHC), today announced on America Recycles Day that its exclusive ONE by ONE Recycling Program has recycled a combined total of more than five million units of used contact lenses, blister packs and top foils since the program's inception in November 2016. The program is made possible through a collaboration with TerraCycle®, a world leader in the collection and repurposing of hard-to-recycle post-consumer waste. To date, Bausch + Lomb and TerraCycle have diverted nearly 31,000 pounds of used contact lenses, blister packs and top foils, the equivalent of approximately two and a half times the weight of an elephant, from oceans, lakes, streams and landfills.

"Up until two years ago, there wasn't a program that allowed contact lens wearers to properly dispose of or recycle their contact lens materials without ensuring they did not end up in our environment," said Amy Butler, vice president, Global Environment, Health, Safety + Sustainability, Bausch Health. "By providing this solution to eye care professionals and their patients, we are making strides to protect our environment from used contact lens materials and instead turning them into a variety of post-consumer products, such as recycled picnic tables and garden beds."

In August 2018, Arizona State University published a study stating that up to 20 percent of consumers in the United States flush their contact lens waste down the drain, contributing to a potential total of 3.36 billion contact lenses in the environment. While contact lens materials are recyclable, when placed into regular curbside recycling bins, their small size causes them to be filtered out at recycling facilities and directed to the waste stream.

"We hope the results of our study help contact lens wearers understand what happens once the lifespan of these materials has ended and how their actions to dispose of them can significantly impact our environment," said Rolf Halden, engineering professor and director of the Biodesign Institute's Center for Environmental Health Engineering at Arizona State University. "Now, with the ONE by ONE Recycling program, contact lens wearers have a way to properly recycle these materials and their packaging in order to help reduce the environmental impact of contact lens waste."

The Bausch + Lomb ONE by ONE Recycling Program is available to contact lens wearers and optometrists in the United States. Contact lens wearers can either take their used contact lenses and packaging to any of the nearly 3,000 participating eye care professionals' offices or mail them via a pre-paid shipping label at

[BauschRecycles.com](https://BauschRecycles.com)

. Registered eye care professionals with the ONE by ONE Recycling Program are also provided custom recycling bins for collection in the office. Once the materials are received by TerraCycle, the materials are then recycled into post-consumer products.

"Our practice is proud to be one of the nearly 3,000 offices across the country participating in the ONE by ONE Recycling program," said Gina Wesley, O.D., Complete Eye Care of Medina, Minn. "My patients appreciate having the ability to properly recycle their contact lenses and packaging in an environmentally responsible way, especially those who prefer to wear daily disposable contact lenses and are concerned about the waste these materials create."

In addition to the United States, Bausch + Lomb also has similar contact lens recycling programs in The Netherlands and Australia. To learn more about the Bausch + Lomb ONE by ONE Recycling Program, visit

[www.bauschrecycles.com](http://www.bauschrecycles.com)

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