Illinois Correctional Industries is committed to the reduction and recycling of waste products. All ICI shops participate in some form of remanufacturing and recycling of waste products. Several facility shops have entered into partnerships with communities, cities and counties to develop coordinated and cooperative efforts to reduce pollution and increase recycling within the community and institution.

The Illinois Correctional Industries recycling program at Menard Correctional Center was the recipient of the Beautify Southern Illinois Campaign award in December, 2007. The Beautify Southern Illinois Campaign was founded by SIU President & former Congressman Glenn Poshard. The award was given based on individual and group efforts to go above and beyond the “call of duty” in beautifying the region.

Since 2003, more than 4,000 tons of recyclable & reusable materials—including paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, metal cans and barrels—have been diverted from Illinois landfills and processed for resale.