

## Sustainability Profile

# RTEC Treecare



### Green Products and Services

RTEC Treecare's team of Certified Arborists offer a variety of services to help homeowners maintain healthy trees and shrubs. The company uses natural approaches to minimize the use of harmful chemicals, including a 100% organic mosquito and tick control program that is safe for people, pollinators, pets, and wildlife.

### Stormwater Management

The company's tree health treatments minimize the risk of stormwater pollution by using a 100% organic bio-stimulant combination rather than traditional chemical fertilizers. Additionally, we take environmental and climatic factors into consideration when scheduling applications, minimizing the risk of our products being swept away into stormwater.

### Reducing and Reusing

RTEC Treecare's Arborists use mobile devices in the field to create proposals instantly, reducing the use of paper. Proposals are then e-mailed to customers rather than being printed. RTEC Treecare's office uses digital external backup rather than paper for reporting, invoices, and statements. The office also uses reusable coffee mugs rather than disposable Styrofoam cups (which take a long time to break down in landfills).

### Recycling

Before going digital, RTEC Treecare used a traditional file cabinet system to keep track of records. In 2016, they scanned all paper records and recycled more than 2,000 pounds of paper. Ever since, RTEC has been committed to running a "paperless" office as often as possible. In addition, all debris removed from clients' properties is recycled.

### Fleet / Vehicles

RTEC Treecare's customer support team is trained to schedule appointments at homes located nearby each other and to avoid rush hour in order to minimize fuel emissions. Plant health care trucks are also kept fully stocked with necessary products in order to maximize route efficiency, regardless of the service being provided.

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### Organization Type

Environmental Solutions

### Number of Fairfax County Employees

Approximately 20

### Fun Facts

- 1) RTEC Treecare has earned eight Excellence in Arboriculture Awards for Tree Preservation from the Tree Care Industry Association. The awarded projects were located at the Smithsonian National Zoo, Northern Virginia Community College, and three residential properties. The zoo's tree preservation projects were in the eagle, panda, and farm exhibits and the picnic pavilion.
- 2) In 2019, RTEC started a nonprofit organization called [Environmental Justice Alliance](#).