The amount of hazardous waste generated at UBC has seen a steady and significant decrease over the past years due in part to some innovative SRS programming and efforts from the UBC community.

These trends are continuing and SRS is working hard with the research community at UBC to ensure every year the numbers reflect another decrease.

There was a 75% waste reduction in 2020 compared to 2006 and this reduction was largely achieved at the waste source – in our UBC labs. Learn more about source reduction in the Laboratory Pollution Prevention Guide.

Hazardous waste minimization at UBC Point Gray Campus continued in 2020, with 45% waste recycled or treated. The main contributor was the RG1 & RG2 delisted/treated waste, reducing the hazardous waste by 20+ tonnes.

Furthermore, your active participation in all available ESF recycling programs (automotive batteries, oil, paint, silver recovery) resulted in an additional hazardous waste reduction, of 2+ tonnes in 2020.

We can all be proud of the amounts of waste reduced and recycled at UBC in 2020. THANKS to everyone who played a role! We look forward to even more waste reduction in 2021!