Brunson Recycling Corporation is a plastics recycler located in Marion. Since 1985, it has recycled a variety of different post-industrial plastics including home furnishings, PET plastics and PVC. From the medical manufacturing sector, Brunson recycles PVC and HDPE plastic film both in rollstock and loose film form. The recycling process involves initial size reduction, contamination removal and chopping into a regrind form. Brunson Recycling sells the regrind to domestic manufacturing markets that ultimately produce new items like lawn and garden products, tubing and flooring.

Brunson Recycling currently diverts more than 2,000 tons of medical plastic from landfills each year. With a $20,000 grant from the Recycling Business Assistance Center (RBAC), Brunson Recycling purchased an industrial-grade guillotine shear designed for cutting large quantities of plastic. Without this specialized equipment, the size-reduction process is inefficient and costly, requiring the use of hand-held power tools that pose safety hazards for the employees. With the shear, the company has a greater capacity to process HDPE and PVC film as well as other post-industrial plastics. This new machinery mitigates the safety hazards associated with the recycling process and enables the company to process an additional 425 tons of hard-to-recycle plastics each year. Currently employing 12 full-time workers, it is estimated that the new machinery will create six new full-time positions.

Brunson Recycling will purchase a guillotine roll shear to process HDPE and PVC films.