

Two Sides Reference Sheet

Recycling and Use of Recovered Paper

Two Sides supports recycling and the sustainable use of recycled fiber in papermaking. Recovered paper is a critical raw material for papermaking and currently makes up over 40% of global fiber use for manufacturing paper and paperboard products, and is expected to grow to 60% by 2025. Recycling and diverting paper products away from landfills ensures a supply of recovered paper and also eliminates the environmental impacts associated with landfilling these products.

Globally, most recovered paper is used as a raw material in packaging grades such as carton board and paper. Printing and writing grades use about 6% of the global recovered paper fiber supply and less than 10% of the U.S. recovered paper supply.

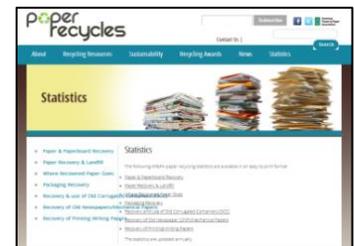
Sustainably managed forests and recovered paper are expected to continue being the main sources of raw material for paper and paperboard manufacture. Hence, more paper recovery is needed in many regions of the globe, as well as more sustainable forest management. Each fiber type should be used in appropriate paper grades based on environmental and economic considerations.

Below are some examples of resources related to recycling and the use of recovered paper.

[U.S. Paper Recycling Statistics](#)

American Forest & Paper Association

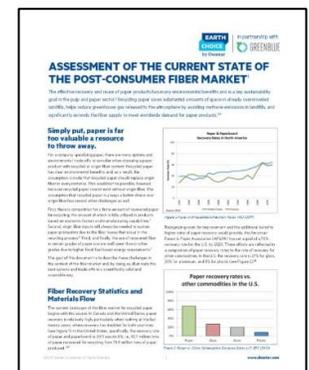
This AF&PA website provides a wealth of paper recycling statistics that are updated annually.



[Assessment of the current state of the post-consumer fiber market](#)

Domtar in Partnership with Greenblue

A white paper that outlines the many environmental benefits of paper recovery and re-use. Recycling paper saves substantial amounts of space in already overcrowded landfills, helps reduce greenhouse gas released to the atmosphere by avoiding methane emissions in landfills, and significantly extends the fiber supply to meet worldwide demand for paper products.



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[The Paper Life Cycle – Recovery](#)

GreenBlue

This section of GreenBlue's *Paper Life Cycle* website explores many of the challenges and opportunities around recycling and recovery including transportation, fiber utilization and manufacturing recycled paper.



[Sustainable Use of Recycled Fiber](#)

Sappi Fine Paper North America

This brief is provided to offer guidance to our customers and other stakeholders looking for information regarding the benefits of recycling paper and the responsible use of recycled fiber. The information can be used to help make informed decisions when buying paper and in developing policies or statements to help promote recycling.



[Rethinking Recycling](#)

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This thorough report examines the sustainable use of recycled fiber in papermaking and discusses the many environmental and economic considerations at play. For the online version, click [here](#).



[The Myth: Print and paper is a wasteful product.](#)

[The Fact: No. Paper is the most recycled product in the world.](#)

Two Sides Fact Sheet

This Two Sides fact sheet provides a wide range of information on recycling and recycled content use from a variety of well-known, credible sources.



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Benefits of Paper Recycling

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

This U.S. EPA brief provides basic information on recycling topic, including the benefits of paper recycling, source reduction/light-weighting, EPA's waste reduction goals, the paper industry's recovery goal, use of recovered paper, paper making and recycling best practices.

