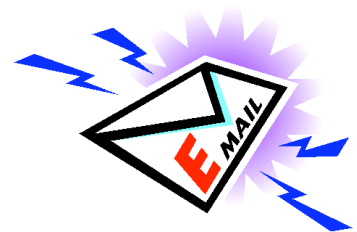


Why is recycling and using recycled paper important?

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that approximately 33 percent of the municipal solid waste stream is paper and paperboard products.
- Paper is also one of the most recovered materials.
- Using old paper to make new paper uses 30% - 50% less energy than making paper from trees.
- 40% of all waste going to landfills is paper. Cutting down on paper waste will extend the lives of our landfills.
- One carton (10 reams) of 100% virgin copier paper uses 0.6 trees.



What can we all do?

- Go paperless and use email whenever possible.
- Make double-sided copies whenever possible and request double-sided printing.
- Buy recycled and chlorine-free paper.
- Try paper made from organic products like bamboo, cotton or hemp.
- Shred old paper to use as packing material.



Worldwatch Institute update:

Recycling efforts around the world recovered about 110 million tons or 43 % of all paper used.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reports:

- The Earth's total forest area continues to decrease at about 89 000 acres per day...that is 3720 acres an hour...62 acres a minute...**1 acre every second.**

TO DO: Find a 100% tree free paper supplier.

- One that never uses wood, wood-based fibers, or post-consumer waste that originates from wood.
- They should be 100% tree free and possible 3rd party laboratory tested for printing performance, fiber and moisture analysis.
- Be sure that they do not use post-consumer waste that originates from wood.

