



PAPER RECYCLING

Paper and paperboard are some of the **most widely recycled materials in the world**. Paper recycling recovers fiber that can be used to manufacture other paper products, producing jobs while protecting the environment.



ECONOMIC IMPACT

The paper recycling industry's total economic impact in the United States is nearly **\$34 billion**, and **154,000 jobs**.



RECOVERED FIBER IS WIDESPREAD

About **80 percent** of U.S. paper mills rely on recovered fiber to make some or all their products, due in part to recovered fiber's significant cost and energy savings compared with virgin fiber.



SAVING THE EARTH

Recycling one ton of paper saves **3.3 cubic yards of landfill space**. Since 1990, Americans have recycled more than **1.4 billion tons** of recovered paper and fiber.



USING FAR LESS ENERGY

Manufacturing paper and paperboard with recycled materials uses up to **68 percent less energy** than virgin paper materials.



A VALUABLE COMMODITY

The U.S. exported **18.5 million tons of recovered fiber in 2019**, generating nearly **\$2.8 billion** in export sales.

The Paper Recycling Process

Newspapers can be recycled into cardboard boxes.



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