



# Paper Recycling



There are several locations throughout the state where different types and grades of paper and cardboard are recycled into new products. Check with your local recycling coordinator so you know what papers are recyclable in your area.

## Where Paper Recycling Goes:

- **Rock Tenn** (Located in St. Paul): Recycling 100 tons of paper a day, Rock Tenn's St. Paul location recycles approximately half of all paper recycled in Minnesota.
- **Liberty Paper** (Located in Becker): Liberty Paper recycles cardboard boxes into new paper. They save 200,000 tons of materials from going to the landfill each year.
- **New Page Corp.** (Located in Duluth): With locations nationwide, their Duluth mill employs 280 people and is the top producer of supercalendered paper with an annual capacity of 250,000 tons. They recycle 1 million pounds each day.
- **International Paper** (Located in Roseville): With 21 recycling facilities across North America, International Paper consumes and markets more than 6 million tons of paper annually; that's approximately 10% of all paper recovered annually in the US.

## How Paper Recycling Helps Minnesota's Economy:

There are many economic benefits of paper recycling; the following are a few examples.

- In 2009 Minnesotans recycled more than 903,000 tons of paper.
- Even with recovery and recycling efforts, recyclable paper makes up more than 20% of Minnesota's garbage.

## How Paper Recycling Helps Minnesota's Environment:

Recycling reduces air and water pollution, as well as conserves our natural resources.

- Recycling one ton (2000 lbs) of paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 pounds less of air pollution!
- Recycling the average Minnesotan's junk mail for a year would conserve seven trees.

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