

# Newspaper Recycling Facts



- The United States is the world's largest consumer of newsprint.
- Americans throw away enough paper each year to build a wall twelve-feet high stretching from New York City to Los Angeles.
- Everyday Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million. That's the equivalent of dumping 500,000 trees into a landfill every week.
- One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
- A stack of newspaper, collected for recycling and piled one meter high, saves a 10-meter tall evergreen tree.
- Recycled newspaper saves 34 to 60% of the total energy needed for virgin newsprint.
- Recycled newsprint is used to make products such as cereal boxes, egg cartons, pencils, grocery bags, tissue paper, insulation materials, animal bedding, and new newsprint.
- In the year 2025, the newspaper you put in the landfill today will still be readable.
- Kansas newspapers are recycled into roofing materials, soil amendments, cellulose insulation, and other paper products.



## Recycling one ton of newsprint saves:

- Enough energy to power a TV for 31 hours
- 71 gallons of oil
- 4.6 cubic yard of landfill space
- 7,000 gallons of water
- 15 trees

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