

4 Paper

THE FACTS

Each year a forest the size of Wales is used to make paper in the UK.

One third of the average household bin contains paper and card, about half of which is newspapers and magazines.

Recycling one tonne of paper saves 17 trees and 7000 gallons of water.

HOW IS PAPER RECYCLED?

Paper is mixed with water and pulped. Soaps and chemicals are added to remove the ink on the paper, while unwanted materials such as adhesives are removed through a cleansing process involving screening.

The pulp is then injected between two wire meshes, which are pressed and heated to produce new paper and card.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Take unwanted magazines to your local doctors surgery, dentist or hairdresser. Please check with them first.
- You can put a variety of paper materials in your purple box, such as newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes, directories, catalogues, any office paper and cardboard.
- Egg cartons, Christmas cards and wrapping paper (not the foil variety) can also go in your purple box.
- You can make your own gift tags from old Christmas cards
- Do not put Tetra packs (fruit juice cartons) in your recycling box or the bring banks, as they contain plastic and contaminate the load.



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- Please break down your cardboard boxes to fit into your purple box. If it is not broken down it will not fit into the paper and card section of the collection vehicle.
- If you have very large cardboard boxes these can easily be recycled by taking them to Slyfield Civic Amenity Site, commonly known as the tip.
- To cut down on unwanted paper, junk mail and faxes, register with the Mailing Preference Service and/or Fax Preference Service. They remove your name from direct marketing mailing lists. This can be done by contacting MPS online at www.mpsonline.org.uk or telephone 02072 91 33 19, or FPS on 08450 70 07 02.
- Schools, particularly art classes, may be interested in your unwanted newspapers for paper mache.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is thought that the first piece of paper was produced in 105AD and made from rags.

Paper is mainly made from wood pulp, however, it can also be made from other materials such as cotton, grasses, rags and straw.

RECYCLING. It's not a load of rubbish.



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