

Why we should use Recycled Paper

- Americans discard 4 million tons of office paper every year.
- Recycling one stack of newspapers about six feet tall saves the life of one tree 35 feet tall. Recycling approximately one ton saves 17 trees.
- Saves trees, energy, water, and landfill space compared to virgin paper
- Protects forests, watersheds, ecosystems.
- Produces less pollution than virgin paper production
- Saves trees. By recycling, fewer trees need to be harvested.

One ton of paper saves 17 trees, 350 pounds of limestone, 60,000 gallons of water, 9,000 pounds of steam, 275 pounds of sulfur, 225 kilowatt hours and 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space

- Recycled papers save our valuable natural resources, save energy, save our trees, create less toxic bi-products, and help our over-crowded landfills.
- In the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency has found that recycling paper causes 35% less water pollution and 74% less air pollution.
- 30% Postconsumer Copy Paper - One ton (40 cases) saves the equivalent of 7.2 trees [forty feet in height and 6-8 inches in diameter), 2,100 gallons of water, 1,230 kw hours of electricity, and 18 pounds of air pollution
- 100% Postconsumer Copy Paper - One ton (40 cases) saves the equivalent of 24 trees (forty feet in height and 6-8 inches in diameter) 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity, and 60 pounds of air pollution

Why we should use Remanufactured Toner

- Approximately 97% of the combined components (plastic, metal, rubber, paper, foam, and toner) in toner cartridges can be recycled. If not recycled, the plastic, made of engineering-grade polymers, takes at least 1,000 years to decompose.
- Remanufactured toner cartridges minimize the disposal of these materials, conserve natural resources by eliminating the need for virgin materials, and saves energy in the remanufacturing process.
- Remanufacturing cartridges decreases the amount of plastic, steel, aluminum, and rubber sent to landfills and burned in incinerators.
- Plastics used in these cartridges take over 1000 years to decompose.
- The environmental benefits of using remanufactured toner cartridges include keeping non-biodegradable material out of landfills and conserving the equivalent of three quarts of oil per cartridge.
- Plastic takes many years to decompose and plastic is already an environmental concern in many countries. Printer toner cartridges recycling will save thousands of tons of metal and plastic from getting into landfills. Plastic is an environmental hazard and its use should be minimized.
- As many as 60 million "all-in-one" toner cartridges are bought annually in the U.S. Worldwide, 150 million per year. Couple that with 400 million inkjet cartridges and you begin to realize the amount of waste generated from cartridges that don't get recycled. As little as 25% of all toner cartridges actually get recycled and remanufactured.
- Remanufactured toner and inkjet cartridges offer advantages over new cartridges in cost, waste reduction, and sometimes even in product quality.
- In 2007, Staples recycled nearly 24 million cartridges in the U.S. through our various ink and toner cartridge recycling programs.