

The Benefits of Recycling Paper

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Listed here are some of the environmental and money saving benefits of recycling paper...

Saves Trees – The obvious reason to recycle paper is for saving trees which provide vital oxygen for the planet. Just 1 ton of recycled paper saves at least 16 of these.

Click here to watch “How Does Metal Recycling Work?”: <https://youtu.be/qAGCI0-pQ3E>

Wildlife Preservation – Recycling paper helps protect the habitats of beautiful birds, insects and a wide variety of wildlife that lives in those trees.

Cheaper Paper – Recycled paper is often cost effective to purchase. Buying cheaper, recycled goods encourages more recycled goods to be manufactured, sustaining the recycling industry.

Less Water Consumption – To make ‘new’ paper requires vast amounts of water, whereas the process of recycling paper uses up much less of this crucial resource.

Saves Electricity – Over 400 kilowatt hours of energy are saved by recycling paper as opposed to making a fresh 1 ton batch, and that could be utilized in heating and lighting domiciles instead.

Reduces Oil Dependence – Oil production has some horrific effects on the environment and any opportunity to reduce oil consumption should really be taken. Saving 2 barrels per ton of recycled paper really makes a difference ultimately.

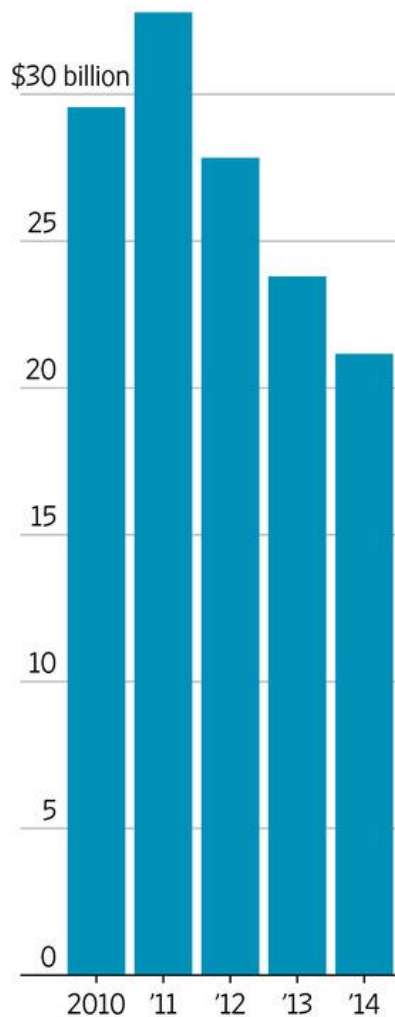
Less Pollution – Burning paper in waste incinerators pumps masses of pollution into the air. That means that individuals are unnecessarily causing the air that we all breathe to be of a lower quality.

Creates Jobs – Think of all the people who work within the paper recycling industry. Collectors, sorters and machine operators being just a few of them. The more that we recycle, the more of these jobs there will be created.

Wasting Away

U.S. exports of scrap materials have fallen as demand in China wanes and the rising dollar makes American waste pricier in foreign markets.

U.S. scrap and waste exports



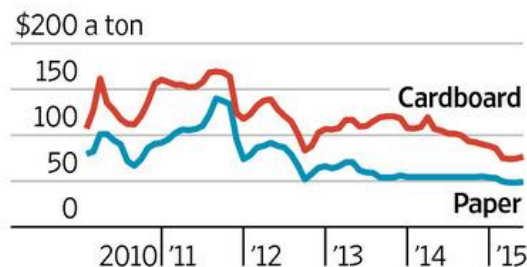
Aluminum scrap



Automobile scrap



Cardboard and paper scrap



Copper scrap



Sources: Commerce Department (exports); American Metal Market (auto, aluminum, copper); RISI, Pulp & Paper Week (cardboard and paper)

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Sets A Precedent – Paper has become the easiest thing to recycle, so it is a good starting point for many who do not currently recycle at all. Having gotten to the habit of recycling paper, and seeing that it really is not so difficult, people are more likely to start recycling other items too.