



# Paper Waste Facts

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# International Paper Waste facts

It takes an average of 5 liters of water to produce one piece of A4 paper. 93% of paper comes from trees. 50% of the waste of businesses is composed of paper. To print a Sunday edition of the New York Times requires 75,000 trees! Recycling 1 ton of paper saves around 682.5 gallons of oil, 26,500 liters of water and 17 trees. Packaging makes up 1/3 or more of our trash. U.S offices use 12.1 trillion sheets of paper a year. Paper accounts for 25% of landfill waste and 33% of municipal waste. With all the paper we waste each year, we can build a 12 foot high wall of paper from New York to California! Lessening of paper usage was predicted due to the electronic revolution. It didn't happen.

# New Zealand Paper Waste Facts

200 tonnes of paper waste goes to Kate Valley every single day. Over 60 percent of waste that goes landfills could be recycled. 2.5 million tonnes (That's the same as 10714 fully grown Blue whales) of waste are put into NZ landfills each year and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of it could have been recycled or reused. Most of that is paper, cardboard and newsprint/newspaper. Each person in New Zealand is equal to 8 kg of landfill waste that could have been recycled each week. That's 37,544,000 kg (That's 6257 African Elephants) of waste that could have been recycled going to landfills **each** year.



# How to Prevent This

Use both sides of the sheet of paper.

Avoid printing out unnecessary copies of documents.

Use google docs instead of paper.

Place recycling bins in high-traffic areas, as well as by the copier and fax machines



# How much paper waste does the world produce

Every year, the world uses more than 90 million tons of paper and cardboard. That's an average of 700 pounds of paper products per person each year. Every year in America, more than 2 billion books, 350 million magazines, and 24 billion newspapers are published. As we speak, more than 199 tons of paper has already been produced.





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