



Paper Recycling



There are several locations throughout the state where different types and grades of paper and cardboard are recycled into new products. Check with your local recycling coordinator and county website to find out what is recyclable in your area.

Where Paper Recycling Goes:

- **Rock Tenn** (Located in St. Paul): Recycling 100 tons of paper a day, Rock Tenn's St. Paul location recycles approximately half of all paper recycled in Minnesota.
- **Liberty Paper** (Located in Becker): Liberty Paper recycles cardboard boxes into paper. They prevent 200,000 tons of materials from ending up in landfills each year.
- **New Page Corp.** (Located in Duluth): With locations nationwide, the Duluth mill employs 280 people and is the top producer of supercalendered paper with an annual capacity of 250,000 tons. The mill recycles one million pounds per day.
- **International Paper** (Located in Roseville): With 21 recycling facilities across North America, International Paper consumes and markets over six million tons of paper annually. That's approximately 10% of all paper recovered annually in the US!

Paper Recycling in Minnesota:

- In 2011, Minnesotans recycled over 956,354 tons of paper.
- Despite recovery and recycling efforts, recyclable paper makes up more than 20% of Minnesota's garbage.

How Paper Recycling Helps Minnesota's Environment:

Recycling reduces air and water pollution, as well as conserves natural resources.

- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4000 kilowatts of energy, and 7000 gallons of water. This represents a 64% energy savings, 58% water savings, and 60 fewer pounds of air pollution!
- Recycling the average Minnesotan's junk mail for a year would conserve seven trees.