

PAPER RECYCLING



RECYCLE MONTANA

BENEFIT

- ♻️ Recycling one ton of paper:
 - Saves 4,100 kWh of energy
 - Saves 9 barrels (380 gallons) of oil
 - Saves 54 million BTUs of energy
 - Saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
 - Saves 7,000 gallons of water and 17 trees
 - Saves 60 pounds of air pollutants being released

ITEMS TO RECYCLE

- ♻️ Paper, all colors and staples are okay
- ♻️ Junk mail and envelopes (windows okay)
- ♻️ Catalogs, brochures and phone books
- ♻️ File folders, milk and juice cartons
- ♻️ Shredded paper (put in a plastic bag and tie securely)
- ♻️ Paper grocery bags
- ♻️ Books (paperback and hard cover)



TIPS TO REDUCE CONTAMINATION

- ♻️ Be sure to remove the liner and all food from the box, flatten the box and place flattened box in a paper sack with your junk mail and mixed paper.
- ♻️ Non-recyclable paper includes tissue, waxed and carbon paper.
- ♻️ Do your best to remove cardboard, plastic and other contaminants from your paper pile.

DID YOU KNOW

- ♻️ 4.5 million tons of office paper is thrown away each year in the United States.
- ♻️ Enough office and writing paper is thrown away each year to build a 12-foot high wall of paper from Los Angeles to New York City.
- ♻️ Annually, each person in the United States uses paper equivalent to 7 trees. Recycled paper saves 33% of the total energy needed for virgin paper.
- ♻️ The average American uses 650 lbs. of paper per year equating to 85,000,000 tons.
- ♻️ The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year, most is packaging and junk mail.
- ♻️ The amount of wood and paper thrown away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.
- ♻️ Producing recycled white paper creates 74% less air pollution, 35% less water pollution, and 75% less processed energy than producing paper from virgin fibers.