

WRAPPING PAPER RECYCLING



THE TRUTH

Not all wrapping paper is paper, and some is very thin containing few good quality fibers to be recycled. Wrapping paper can be dyed, laminated or contain non-paper additives like gold and silver colored shapes, glitter and foil. All of these would make the wrapping paper not recyclable and could contaminate the other paper if recycled.

The industry standard to determine if you can recycle is the **Scrunch Test**, scrunch up the paper into a ball, and if it stays scrunched, you can most likely recycle.

Below are some additional thoughts on recycling your Holiday wrapping paper:

- ♻️ Remove/reuse the gift bags, ribbons and bows to be used next year.
- ♻️ Buy recycled wrapping paper, as this most likely can be recycled again.
- ♻️ Use gift boxes or bags.
- ♻️ Repurpose paper or other household items to wrap gifts.
- ♻️ Save the wrapping paper to use for packing and protecting holiday packages.
- ♻️ Your tissue paper may not be recycled, but you can always place it in the compost bin.

Before recycling wrapping paper, it is always good to verify with your recycling coordinator or local recycler to ensure they can accept wrapping paper mixed in with other clean paper.

