Paper's Life Cycle: The Recycling Process

Paper is one of the most sustainable, renewable and versatile products. Recycling your paper-based products ensures they can be used again and again.

1. **PAPER STARTS IN THE FOREST**
   At International Paper, making paper-based products begins with new fiber from responsibly managed forests or recovered fiber from recycling centers.

2. **PROCESSING THE FIBER**
   That fiber is processed into pulp, made into paper and then transformed into everything from boxes to copy paper.

3. **RECYCLING BEGINS WITH YOU**
   Whether at home, at the office or in school, place your paper-based products in the recycling bin.

4. **PICKING UP YOUR USED PRODUCTS**
   A recycling service provider will pick up your used paper, corrugated boxes and other recyclable paper-based products and deliver them to a recycling center.

5. **SORTING IT OUT**
   At the recycling center, products are sorted, cleaned and processed. The recovered fiber is then transported to a paper mill to make new products.

6. **RECYCLING CENTER**
   The recovered fiber is then processed to make new products.