

Recycling

Powering our Circular Economy

To create the most sustainable business model possible, we embrace the concept of a circular economy and look beyond basic recycling to evaluate our entire value chain.

International Paper is among the world's largest stewards of wood and recovered fiber.

We recover, reprocess and facilitate the sale of **7 million tons of fiber** each year.

88.8% of all corrugated packaging in the United States is recycled.¹

Of that, International Paper recovers **12%**.

Since 2010, International Paper has increased our recovery of old corrugated containers by **66%**.

Through our work with The Recycling Partnership, we are helping to improve recycling in communities across the U.S.

Wood Fiber

New fiber is needed to continue to make recycled products. Without new fiber inputs, paper producers would run out of useable recycled fiber in roughly 18 months.¹



REPROCESSED

Cellulose fibers can be recycled up to 7 times. Beyond that, the fiber cannot be used to make new products and is considered "lost fiber."

Lost Fiber

POST-CONSUMER FIBER

Recycled fiber can be reprocessed into new products or can be beneficially used in other ways, such as for compost or in insulation.

SORTING

MANUFACTURING

Recovered fiber and new fiber are used to make new paper-based products.



CONSUMPTION & USE



CONSUMERS & COMPANIES RECYCLE



Discard

- Landfill/Incinerator:
- Litter
 - Unsorted
 - Hygiene products
 - Contaminated

RECYCLING COLLECTION

88.8% of corrugated packaging and 65.7% of paper used in the United States was recovered for recycling in 2020.²



Fiber Cycle

Sources:

1 Two Sides

2 AF&PA, 2020