

# PAPER RECYCLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

## Facts and statistics

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### Paper recycling statistics for 2016

(All values in metric tonnes)



Mary Phillips and the Waste Takers team sort out the various paper grades for recycling.

Paper production and consumption	Paper Production	Paper Imports	Paper Exports	Paper Consumption
Newsprint	208 402	5 739	40 000	174 141
Printing/writing	377 146	523 254	132 305	768 094
Corrugated materials/containerboard	1 314 812	144 593	427 499	1 031 906
Other wrapping papers	48 029			48 029
Tissue	232 972	29 358	30 155	232 175
Other paper	140 387	44 935	89 468	95 854
Board	31 242			31 242
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 352 989</b>	<b>747 879</b>	<b>719 426</b>	<b>2 381 442</b>

**68.4% of recoverable paper was collected in 2016.**

Recoverable paper	Tonnes
Paper consumption	2 381 442
Less paper exported in agricultural products	49 539
Less paper unsuitable for recovery	- 386 127
<b>Recoverable paper</b>	<b>2 044 854</b>

Recovery of recyclable paper	Paper Recovered in South Africa	Recovered Paper Imports	Recovered Paper Exports	Consumption of Recycled Paper in SA
Newspapers	132 490	879	30 949	102 420
Magazines	54 554	302	14 235	40 621
Corrugated, solid cases, kraft papers	931 364	63 582	55 900	939 047
Office, graphic papers	159 714	7 402	516	166 600
Mixed and other papers	120 917	23 305	4 683	139 540
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 399 039</b>	<b>95 472</b>	<b>106 283</b>	<b>1 388 228</b>

# 1,4 MILLION TONNES

Paper diverted from landfill in 2016.

This would cover 254 soccer fields.



The weight of 280,000 African elephants.

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**Yes! You can recycle these paper products:**

- Magazines and brochures, including glossy varieties
- Milk, beverage and food cartons (such as Tetra Pak and SIG Combibloc liquid packaging)
- Newspapers
- Office and shredded paper, envelopes
- Cardboard boxes of any kind – dry food, cosmetic and medicine boxes; roll cores, packing cartons (flattened)
- Old telephone directories and books
- Paper giftwrap

**Throw these in the general rubbish bin:**

- Wet/dirty paper and cardboard
- Sticky notes
- Used paper plates, disposable nappies, tissues and toilet paper
- Wax-coated, foil-lined or laminated boxes
- Cement and dog food bags
- Foil gift wrapping, carbon and laminated paper

