

PAPER RECYCLING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Facts and statistics

August 2016



Paper recycling statistics for 2015

(All values in metric tonnes)

Paper production and consumption	Paper Production	Paper Imports	Paper Exports	Paper Consumption
Newsprint	217 860	24 003	38 130	203 733
Printing/writing	462 709	526 437	140 968	848 178
Corrugated materials/containerboard	1 252 986	152 210	363 504	1 041 692
Other wrapping papers	6 605			6 605
Tissue	213 704	37 808	31 786	219 726
Other paper	102 388	51 143	91 365	62 166
Board	32 856			32 856
Total	2 289 109	791 601	665 753	2 414 957

66% of recoverable paper was collected in 2015

Recoverable paper	Tonnes
Paper consumption	2 414 957
Less paper exported in agricultural products	215 442
Less paper unsuitable for recovery	406 425
Recoverable paper	1 793 090

Recovery of recyclable paper	Paper Recovered in South Africa	Recovered Paper Imports	Recovered Paper Exports	Consumption of Recycled Paper in SA
Newspapers	110 990		8 800	102 190
Magazines	49 701		7 600	42 101
Corrugated, solid cases, kraft papers	814 338	15 911	21 600	808 649
Office, graphic papers	142 070	14 188	4 000	152 259
Mixed and other papers	78 927	38 988	7 247	110 668
Total	1 196 026	69 088	49 247	1 215 867

1,2 MILLION TONNES

Paper recovered in SA in 2015.

3,6 million cubic metres of landfill space

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1,435 Olympic-sized swimming pools

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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










WE RECYCLE PAPER AND BOARD







Please keep our recycling efforts on track by knowing what is recyclable and what belongs in the rubbish bin.



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Keep these out of the paper recycling bin:

-  Food waste
-  Tins and cans
-  Glass
-  Plastics

