

# Wood - the world's ultimate renewable

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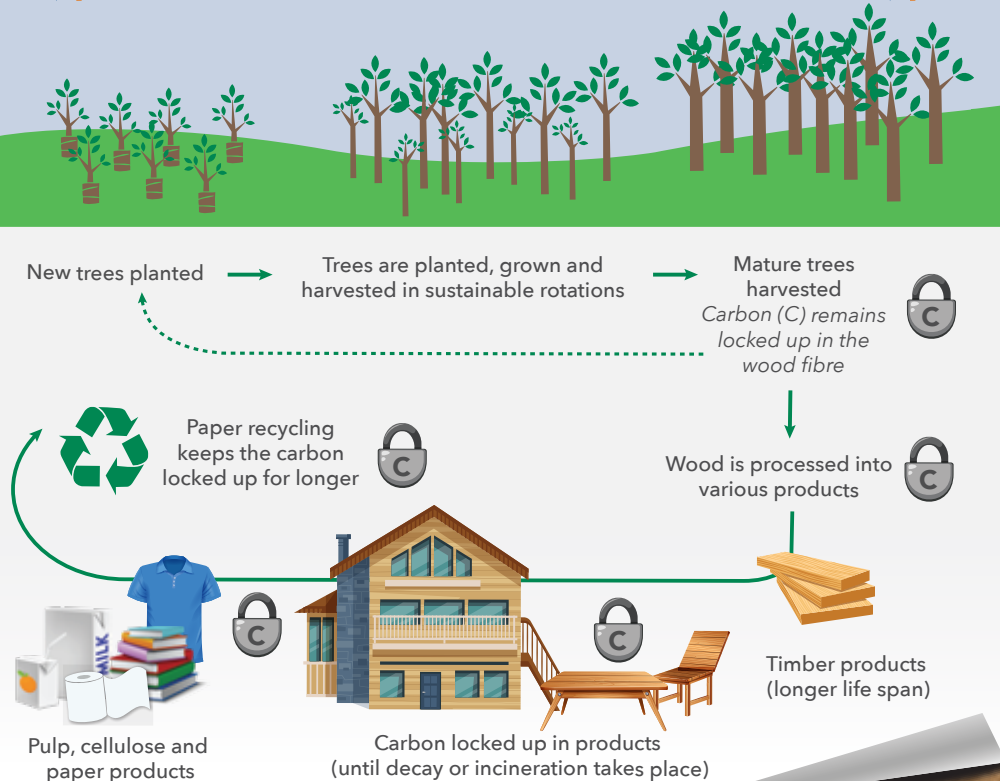
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Responsibly produced wood and paper products enrich our lives, make our jobs easier, and our world more sustainable.

Using pulp, paper, paper packaging and tissue from sustainably managed forests and plantations does not cause deforestation. Particular species of trees are sustainably grown, harvested and replenished -- storing carbon, providing us with products we use every day, and creating employment in rural communities and urban areas.

## Sustainable forestry and forest products and their role in carbon storage

Carbon dioxide absorbed and oxygen released through photosynthesis



**10%**

Portion harvested annually –  
and replenished with new  
trees within the same year!

INDIGENOUS TREES AND NATURAL  
FORESTS ARE NEVER USED TO  
MAKE PAPER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

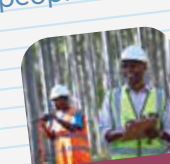
Wood for  
paper is  
sourced from  
**850 million**  
trees planted over  
**676 000**  
hectares

## What South Africa makes from wood fibre

- Pulp
- Writing and printing paper
- Paper packaging
- Food and beverage cartons
- Paper cups
- Tissue and towel for home, away-from-home and industrial use
- Hygiene products
- Cellulose (dissolving woodpulp) for fabrics, foods, pharmaceutical products
- Sawn timber for furniture, flooring, decking, construction
- Engineered wood for construction
- Wood chips
- Poles
- Lignin
- Xylitol
- And many more...

*We even use by-products and waste products from our processes as fuel, or convert them into bio-chemicals.*

Wood and paper provide **careers, jobs and livelihoods** for thousands of people in rural areas and cities.



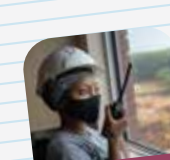
Foresters and environmentalists



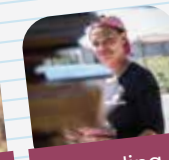
Researchers



Engineers



Process and machine operators



Recycling collectors

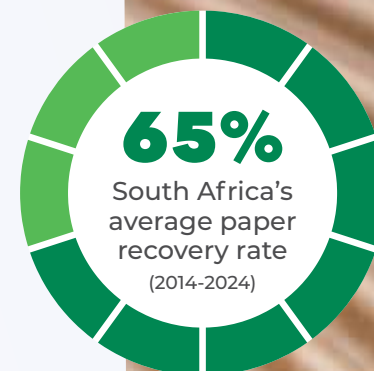


# Paper is easy to recover and recycle

Simply separate your recyclables from rubbish.  
Then find a collection service or drop-off site near you.



WHERE TO RECYCLE



In 2024, **1.2 million tonnes** of PAPER  
AND PAPER PACKAGING were recovered  
for **RECYCLING INTO NEW PRODUCTS**.

Can't quite imagine 1.2 million tonnes of paper and paper packaging?



**3.5 million**

Cubic metres of landfill  
space saved

## YES, you can recycle these:

- ✓ Cardboard boxes of any kind – dry food, cosmetic and medicine boxes; roll cores, packing cartons (flattened)
- ✓ Food and beverage cartons
- ✓ Paper cups
- ✓ Newspapers, magazines and brochures, including glossy varieties
- ✓ Office paper, envelopes
- ✓ Old telephone directories
- ✓ Paper giftwrap (sticky tape removed)
- ✓ Hardcover and paperback books

## NO, don't recycle these:

- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Wet/dirty paper and cardboard
- ✗ Sticky notes
- ✗ Used paper plates, disposable nappies, tissues and toilet paper
- ✗ Wax-coated boxes
- ✗ Foil gift wrapping, carbon copy paper and laminated office paper

## Currently not recycled in SA but research is ongoing:

- ✗ Cement bags
- ✗ Frozen food packaging
- ✗ Potato bags
- ✗ Backing papers from labels

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