

Recycling Paper Saves Water, too

◆ The production of a ton of paper requires 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and more energy per ton than glass or steel. That's enough energy to heat a home for 6 months or run a television for 31 hours.

◆ One ton of recycled paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space; 7,000 gallons of water; 17 trees; and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity.

◆ In 1999, 47.3 million tons of paper were recovered in the US -- an average of 347 pounds per person.

◆ Every day Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million.



◆ One ton of recycled paper uses 64% less energy; 50% less water; 74% less air pollution; and creates 5 times more jobs than one ton of paper products from virgin wood pulp.

◆ De-inked paper fiber is the most efficient source of fiber for the manufacturing of new paper products -- one ton of de-inked pulp saves over 7,000 gallons of water, 390 gallons of oil, and reduces air emissions by 60 lbs. compared to traditional virgin fiber processes.

