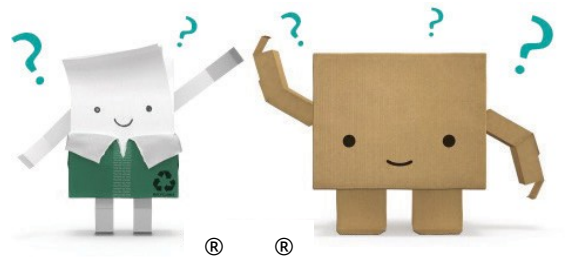


# Do You Know These Facts About Paper?

You know paper is recyclable. You know it comes from trees. But did you know that the paper industry plays an integral role in protecting the forest lands of the United States? Or that foresters grow more wood than they harvest?

Our true-false quiz will help you learn some fun facts about paper—and about its importance in caring for the planet.

- T  F 1. Forestry is responsible for the largest supply of municipal drinking water in the country.
- T  F 2. Trees in U.S. forests absorb more carbon dioxide than forestry related activities produce.
- T  F 3. Americans love to recycle—we recycle paper, glass, metal and plastic equally.
- T  F 4. The paper industry uses every part of the tree.
- T  F 5. Paper mills typically reuse water at least 10 times before purifying and returning it to waterways.
- T  F 6. More than 1 billion trees are planted in the U.S. each year.
- T  F 7. Paper is a main cause of litter on America's beaches.
- T  F 8. It's important to recycle paper because it comes from a renewable resource.
- T  F 9. More than 80% of corrugated boxes and containers in the U.S. are recovered for recycling.
- T  F 10. Americans are consistently getting better about not sending paper to landfills.
- T  F 11. It's important to go paperless for things like bills in order to "go green."
- T  F 12. Roughly half of the average corrugated cardboard box is made up of recycled materials.



# Answer Sheet

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1. The paper industry helps ensure that forests are cared for, which translates to healthy drinking water. In fact, forest cover has been linked to lowering costs of treating drinking water. The more forests in a watershed, the less treatment needs to be done. Drink up!
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2. This makes them effective “carbon sinks,” the term for an environment that absorbs more carbon dioxide than it releases.
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3. Way more paper is recycled than anything else. In fact, on average, paper and cardboard account for 66% of packaging materials recovered for recycling in the United States.
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4. The industry uses every part of the tree, down to its bark, which can be used to generate bioenergy. Some mills actually produce more energy than they consume thanks to biomass energy.
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5. Making paper uses a lot of water, but producers return most of what they use after responsible treatment.
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7. This is why one-third of the U.S. is forested, totaling nearly 766 million acres.
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8. Paper is not among the top 10 materials found in beach litter.
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9. It’s important to recycle paper as a part of caring for the planet. Paper is made from trees—a renewable resource—and recycled paper pulp. The forest industry grows more trees than it harvests each year.
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10. It’s 88.8%, to be precise.
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11. In 2018, we sent about 21.5 million tons of paper to landfills—down from 24.3 million tons in 2010.
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12. Don’t fall for claims like these—they are often unsubstantiated. In North America, 120 companies—including many from the Fortune 500—have clarified or removed such claims. Electronic infrastructures have an environmental footprint as well. For example, the United States collected about 22% of the country’s e-waste in 2016, compared with its paper recovery rate of 68% in 2018.
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13. And nearly all corrugated boxes are used to make recycled paper products.