

Don't use paper that destroys the World's forests

An estimated 7.2 million hectares of ancient forest is logged throughout the world each year, driven strongly by the demand for fibre for use in paper production. Irresponsible and illegal practices remain widespread within the logging industry in many countries making it very difficult to trace sources of paper fibre and verify production processes. Many imported office papers from south east Asia come from areas where either plantation establishment or the logging of tropical rainforests has caused human rights abuses and devastating forest fires. If a paper label does not include the country of source, do not buy the paper.

The Environmentally Preferred Paper Alliance (EPPA)

In 2002, an alliance of corporate, public and environment groups formed to identify environmentally preferred paper and to send signals to paper producers that a market for environmentally responsible paper exists within Australia. EPPAs commitment not to source paper from high conservation value forests (including old growth) is to be commended and businesses are encouraged to join the alliance. Further info www.eppalliance.com Email: mgv@alphalink.com.au

How do we choose a paper that benefits the environment?

» One that uses fibre derived:

- » from post consumer waste paper;
- » From well managed plantation fibre including eucalyptus and pine as well as alternative fibre crops such as hemp, kenaf and bagasse. Preferably certified to a standard meeting or exceeding that of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). Plantations and crop waste are not always environmentally friendly sources. Issues that need to be addressed include clearance of native vegetation, genetic engineering, toxic pollution of soil, ground water and waterways. Choosing fibre certified to a standard meeting or exceeding that of the FSC supports well managed sources and encourages improved plantation and crop management.
- » Not from genetically modified organisms and;

» Paper should be manufactured without chlorine bleaching. Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) is better but Totally Chlorine Free (TCF) or Process Chlorine Free (PCF) for recycled are the best option. Closed loop water cycle to minimise water consumption and chemical emissions.

» The corporation producing the paper is responsible towards forests as a whole, and is genuinely working to diminish its environmental impacts.

Other things to be aware of:

Aside from using the most environmentally friendly paper available, please where possible, use less paper!

For More information:

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Guide to Environmental Office Paper

» office papers to avoid » alternatives that are sourced from recycled, alternative crop or plantation pulp

» Help protect Victoria's forests and wildlife

» Stop logging in Melbournes water supply

» Drop REFLEX paper



✗ Don't use paper that destroys Australia's last forests

Woodchipping for paper production drives the destruction of Victorian forests, with three quarters of all logs woodchipped. Australia's only office paper manufacturer, Paperlinx, consume 450,000 tonnes of forests each year from Victoria's Central Highlands and Gippsland. These forests form Melbourne's domestic water supply catchments and are habitat to species threatened with extinction such as Leadbeaters Possum, Baw Baw Frog, Sooty Owl, Tiger Quoll, Powerful Owl and Tall Astelia Lily. Logging in Melbourne's water catchments has been shown to reduce water supply by up to 50%. Paperlinx have the resources and technology available to make paper from plantations and post consumer waste paper. Your power as a consumer can help Paperlinx to choose a future in these alternatives rather than needlessly woodchipping forests, water supplies and wildlife.

✓ Positive alternatives

Australian environment groups would love to wholeheartedly endorse a photocopy paper, unfortunately, all available papers or the company producing them have significant negative impacts. The following options represent the best available papers. The number of ticks indicate to what level we recommend each product, according to the criteria detailed at the back page of this leaflet. NB. We recommend you always test paper in copiers before purchasing large quantities.

✗ Australian recycled paper: not what it seems

Paperlinx regrettably only make 'recycled' papers using mostly pre-consumer waste (such as converter and printer offcuts). Pre-consumer waste provides little environmental benefits because it contains essentially unused virgin pulp sourced directly from native forests via other industries. Truly recycled paper uses a large proportion of post consumer waste i.e. paper that has been used at least once by consumers before being recovered by a recycling company. Please avoid Paperlinx 'recycled' papers until they move away from forest destruction and produce papers from genuine post consumer waste and/or pulp from well managed plantations.

? Problematic alternatives

We cannot recommend these papers as they have significant negative as well as positive attributes. These papers are undoubtedly better than the worst products such as REFLEX and papers from Indonesian rainforest.

Key to use rating	
✓	Positive alternatives
?	Problematic alternatives
✗	Not recommended

Suppliers

A more comprehensive list of suppliers can be found on the internet (*see addresses overleaf in the 'for more information' box*).

- SCRAP 02 9825 1062 deliver Australia wide – by the pallet only
- ecocern 02 9337 2737
- Friends of the Earth 03 9419 8700
- Going Solar 03) 9328 4123
- The Wilderness Society 03 9639 5455
- Longbottom Paper 02 9553 5911
- A. Moir & Co. 1800 252 669
- Officeworks 131 505
- Danka 02 9978 6000 (minimum 5 reams)
- Canon (large orders only) 13 13 93
- CPI 03 9239 3600, 02 8787 6555, 08 8447 1377, 07 3390 8444
- Raleigh Paper 03 9558 0500, 07 3865 2425, 02 9743 1255, 02 6280 1870
- National 1 – 1300 36 35 08
- www.victorypaper.com.au (e-copy suppliers)
- Angleton's 03) 9419 5855
- Blackburn's 03) 9417 6966
- WC Penfolds 03 9650 5035, 08 8232 7200, 02 9233 5777, 07 3221 4100
- Industrial Stationers (large orders only) 03 9614 2751
- Fuji Xerox 1800 300 045

Rating	Brand name	Paper type	Fibre content	Bleaching	Suppliers	Meet EPPA Criteria
✓✓	Nautilus (also packaged as Canon 100)	Photocopy white A4	100% recycled ~ 50% post-consumer	PCF	1,2,4,5,6,7,8 (some stores),9,10	Yes
✓✓	Evolve	Photocopy white & coloured A4, A3	100% recycled, high percentage post-consumer	PCF	1 (stock A4,A3), 3, 11	Yes*
✓✓	Fuji Xerox recycled supreme	Photocopy white A4, A3	100% recycled high percentage post consumer	PCF	19	Yes**
?	Triotech "best of" (also sold as e-copy, Officeworks Recycled)	Photocopy – white A4	50% recycled (43% post-, 7% pre- consumer). 50% virgin fibre (35% Spanish eucalypt plantations, 15% European semi natural / native forest)	PCF, TCF	8,13,14	No
?	Datacopy (Also known as MoDo)	photocopy – white A4, A3. High performance paper for high speed copiers	Although claimed to be 100% plantation, a percentage of fibre comes from semi natural/ native forest sites	ECF. World leaders in closed loop water cycle.	15,16,17,18	No
✗	Fuji Xerox Greenwrap	Photocopy – white / coloured	10% post consumer, 50% pre-consumer waste. 40% imported plantation pulp from unknown regions – likely to include poorly managed and established plantations in South America	ECF		No
✗	Renew 100 / Outback	Photocopy – white	'100% recycled' it contains approx 90% pre-consumer waste and 10% pre or post consumer milk carton material. Has contained cotton linters (likely to be genetically modified as 30% of Australian cotton is GM) and may do so again	ECF		No
✗	Renew 80	Photocopy – white	Similar to Renew 100 but with 20% virgin fibre likely from forests of other countries	May be Chlorine		No
XXX	Reflex 35% recycled	Photocopy – white	65% includes Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Post Office A4 Paper	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Copyright	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Contact Lasercopy	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Australian Copy	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Crown	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Optix	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Precision	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No
XXX	Oz Copy	Photocopy – white	Australian forest	Chlorine		No

✓✓✓	Enviro Board Paper (also known as Botany)	printing, uncoated – off white / brown	100% recycled, high percentage post consumer waste	PCF	2,12	Not yet assessed
✓✓	Cyclus	printing, uncoated – white offset. Highly recommended for annual reports, letterheads, newsletters	100% recycled. Approx 75% post-, 25% pre-consumer	PCF	11	Not yet assessed
?	Harvest	printing, coated (available in matt, gloss and a variety of weights). white.	65% sugar cane bagasse and 35% plantation pine	Chlorine	11	Not yet assessed

* No target to minimise water use however use is being reduced ** Target to minimise energy use within two years. ISO 14001 expected early 2005