

# Do You Know These Facts About "Paper Makers"?

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## Did You Know?

The pulp and paper industry plants about two times as much wood as it harvests, according to the American Forest & Paper Association in 2018. That means there are 20% more trees in the United States today than there were 50 years ago (or since the first Earth Day in 1970).

The life cycle of paper can be planet-friendly! Here's why:

**a.** In 2017, paper was the most recycled material in the U.S.: In recent years, 66% of paper and 92% of corrugated containers, like cardboard boxes, were recycled in the U.S.

**b.** Paper fibers can be recycled up to five to seven times before the fibers go on to other uses.

**c.** And the industry keeps improving: Paper recovery levels from recycling have nearly doubled since the industry established its first recovery goal in 1990.

Most cardboard boxes, like the ones you get when you shop online, are made from 70% to 100% recycled material.<sup>1</sup>

The paper industry's commitment to sustainability doesn't stop at the trees: In 2016, about two-thirds of the energy used by leading mills came from renewable biomass energy.

The paper industry also uses more renewable energy than any other industrial sector. In a 2018 report, nearly a quarter of major mills generated so much energy that they sold it back to the grid!

Here are some ways the pulp and paper industry helps combat climate change: In 2017, the paper industry was responsible for about 1% of all carbon emissions in the U.S. and has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 20% from 2005.

