

Paper Recycling and Junk Mail Reduction

Do Riverside County Landfills accept this waste?

Yes

No
 (See Disposal Locations)

Conditionally
 (See Special Conditions)

Case by case
 (See Approval Process)

Are there other alternatives for this waste?

Yes
 (See Alternative Recycling Locations)

No

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Definition

Paper is a very large component of our waste stream and is very easy to recycle. By reducing paper consumption, more trees will be left in the forest to provide oxygen, shade, and wildlife habitat.

There are some very easy steps to reducing paper consumption. They include:

- Print and copy on the front and back of paper.
- Use electronic bill paying and e-mail to reduce paper consumption.
- Use scratch paper for notes and reminders instead of a new piece
- Cancel the junk mail that is sent to your home each day. For more information, please see Junk Mail Reduction section.
- Recycle newspaper and cardboard via your curbside recycling program.
- Use washable plates and cups instead of paper ones.

Junk Mail Reduction

Do you open your mailbox each day to find it stuffed full of unsolicited mail, catalogs, credit card offers and advertisements for a variety of products and services? According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, forty percent of all municipal solid waste consists of paper and paperboard products. That percentage could be reduced by eliminating junk mail at its source. Paper used for junk mail is often virgin paper that has no post consumer content. Junk mail often has a low recycle value and may contain toxic inks. Although it can be recycled to some extent, stopping junk mail from the source will have the greatest overall effect on saving landfill space. The average American receives close to a ton of junk mail per year. Each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees and 3 cubic yards of landfill space. Stopping this waste of paper could have a tremendous impact on global environmental quality.

Ways to Reduce Junk Mail

- Contact the sender of the mail and request they stop.

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- Contact your existing creditors and request that they not distribute your name to other organizations.
- Cancel catalogs by mail or by calling the toll-free ordering number and request that you be removed from their mailing list.
- Return postage paid envelopes with a note enclosed requesting that your name and address be removed from their mailing list.
- When donating to a charity, request that they not share your name with other organizations

These businesses can be contacted directly:

- Credit Card Offers: 1-888-5-OPT-OUT. One call should take care of the four credit reporting agencies, including Equifax, Transunion, Experian and Innovis.
- America Online disks: 1-800-392-5180
- Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes: 1-800-645-9242
- American Family Sweepstakes: 1-800-237-2400
- ADVO Mailbox Values (comes with pictures of missing children and packet of newspaper coupons): 1-860-285-6100
- Val-Pak Coupons: 1-800-676-6878
- PennySaver Ads: 714-996-8900

Remember, less junk mail means saving more trees, and much better use of landfill space.

Alternative Paper Recycling Locations

Shred Force 100 Radio Rd Corona, CA 91719 1-877-473-3903

GoodWill—1-888-446-6394 or 1-323-223-1211

Inland Paper Stock—909-884-8672 San Bernardino, CA

Main Street Fibers—909-986-6310 Ontario, CA

Fontana Paper Mill—909-823-4100 Fontana, CA

Please call location to check for limits and any fees.

This information is offered as a public service in an effort to eliminate illegal and improper waste disposal. As the information may not be comprehensive, the Department encourages the public to research additional companies that are available for the services sought. The companies are not affiliated, endorsed or regulated by the Department. Accordingly, as with any professional service, please confirm the accuracy of the company's information and request copies or verification of the company's license and/or permits to provide the service, prior to utilizing its services. Under no circumstances, directly or indirectly, shall the Department be held responsible or liable for reliance on this information. If you would like to include your company on the list, please contact wasteapproval@co.riverside.ca.us or call (951) 486-3200.