

Raw Materials



What do we procure?

We buy a variety of chemicals and raw materials, which are primarily sourced from our centralized purchasing teams, for use in our manufacturing process.

Why work with us?

As a global manufacturing company, we are a market leader in the use of paper-related chemicals. Our scale and global presence make us an attractive business partner for suppliers in this area.

Sustainability in action

We work to ensure the safety of people and the health of the planet. We work closely with our raw material suppliers to ensure they follow best practices in the manufacturing, transport, storage and use of manufacturing chemicals. Suppliers must provide accurate product information in the form of specifications (e.g., safety data sheets (SDS) or equivalents in the local language) and proper safety training prior to entering our sites. We also seek innovation that benefits the environment.

Best Practice

At our Riverdale Mill in Selma, Ala., we worked with suppliers to introduce cutting-edge optimized mixing technology for papermaking, which created wide-ranging benefits: reduced water usage and energy need, and optimized chemical application. This led to cost efficiencies and an improved environmental footprint for both International Paper and our suppliers. We have built on this success, further collaborating with a network of suppliers, to apply these technologies in other areas and continuously improve performance. A true win-win for all involved.

