

# RECYCLING POLICY



In addition to operating a recycling business in North America, International Paper (IP) is one of the world's largest purchasers of recovered fiber. IP's Recycling business has 18 locations in North America that collect and process recyclable materials for their highest value end use.



## 66%

of all paper was recovered in 2019. When omitting unrecycled items like used tissues and construction materials, paper has an estimated effective recycling rate of 75%.



## Top 100

IP named one of The Wall Street Journal's top 100 sustainably managed companies.



## 92%

of boxes and corrugated containers (largest subset of all paper) were recovered in the U.S. in 2019.



## 3X

According to the U.S. EPA, more than three times as much paper is recovered by weight compared to aluminum, steel, glass and plastic combined.

**Recovered fiber markets are complex, efficient, dynamic and market-driven. We support the free and fair trade of both products and materials.**

### **Market forces should guide paper recycling systems**

to ensure recovered fiber goes to its highest value end use. We oppose recycling mandates or incentives that ignore market driven dynamics.

**We oppose content requirements, bans or fees on paper products** because of the robust recovery system in place for paper recycling.

**We oppose proposals funded by fees on product manufacturers**, essentially penalizing our industry to subsidize others.

### **Leading the Way on Recycling Innovation**

As part of our Vision 2030 goals, International Paper seeks to advance circular solutions throughout our value chain and create innovative products that are 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable. As an example, we offer innovative products with a focus on design for recyclability like ClimaGuard® containerboard, which meets the Fibre Box Association's (FBA's) certification standard for recyclability and repulpability.

### **Proactive Investments in Paper Industry**

We continue to lead proactively on recycling without government mandates because we have invested in the right infrastructure and use a successful market based approach. Our industry announced **\$4.1 billion** in investments in our U.S. facilities that will allow us to recycle more paper. Together, these investments will enable the paper and packaging industry to recycle an additional **3.5 million tons** of recovered paper annually.

## IMPROVE RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

**We support investment in programs and technologies that bring more clean residential and commercial material into the system.** This includes dual stream collection, clean Materials Recovery Facilities, and expanded access for commercial and multi-family dwellings. International Paper is a member of The Recycling Partnership, which creates successful programs to increase access to recycling infrastructure and improve the quality of recovered material.

