



Paper Recycling in South Africa - 2012

(all values in metric tonnes)

July 2013

Paper production and consumption

	Paper Production	Paper Imports	Paper Exports	Paper Consumption
Newsprint	299 854	15 773	44 608	271 020
Printing/writing	496 345	643 145	177 788	961 702
Corrugated materials/containerboard	1 202 177	102 638	323 943	980 872
Other wrapping papers	89 921			89 921
Tissue	215 777	28 444	11 753	232 467
Other paper	97 848	74 547	47 470	124 925
Board	29 087			29 087
Total	2 431 007	864 548	605 561	2 689 994

Paper recovery and recycling statistics

Recoverable paper Tonnes

Paper consumption	2 689 994
Less paper exported in agricultural products	196 125
Less paper unsuitable for recovery	483 012
Recoverable paper	2 010 858

Recovery of recyclable paper

	Paper Recovered in South Africa	Recovered Paper Imports	Recovered Paper Exports	Consumption of Recycled Paper in SA
Newspapers	116 831	1 000	22 667	95 164
Magazines	66 574	102	17 928	48 747
Corrugated, solid cases, kraft papers	751 951	23 557	41 567	733 941
Office, graphic papers	96 955	70	4 253	92 772
Mixed and other papers	119 005	2 191	15 983	105 213
Total	1 151 315	26 920	102 398	1 075 838

Recycling rates

In 2012,
1,151,315 tonnes of
collected for recycling;
73,674 tonnes
up from 2011.

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recycling will make a
big difference to
our environment.

