

People in record numbers are recycling paper at work and at home. Newspapers, cereal and shoe boxes, toilet tissue, paper towels, building insulation, egg cartons, and even livestock bedding are made from recycled paper. Recyclable paper includes typing paper, newspaper, cardboard, scrap paper, index cards, and computer printouts. Most recycling equipment cannot handle envelopes, carbon paper, glossy paper, photographs, or paper with scotch tape, glue, or staples in it. These types of paper must be sorted out. For example, Fort Howard Corporation of Green Bay, Wisconsin, produces tissue made entirely of recycled paper. This pulp is dried on screens, and the new paper is formed on cylinders. This recyclable paper is dumped into a vat of water and chemicals. A large spinning blade mixes the paper to a pulp. For example, equipment is almost ready to remove ink from glossy magazine and catalog paper so that it can be recycled. About 40 percent of plastics, 45 percent of paper, and 60 percent of aluminum are recycled. Thousands of community programs are in place to recycle paper products. Big business has discovered the advantages of making paper products that can be reused many times.