



## ANNUAL SURVEY OF POSTCONSUMER RECYCLED-CONTENT NEWSPRINT

External Relations Division

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# Annual Survey of Postconsumer Recycled-Content Newsprint

## Reporting Period

The survey covers calendar year 2024.

## Program Goals

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 361.430, sets the following two options as goals:

- 30% of the newsprint you purchase to be recycled newsprint, or
- All of the newsprint you purchase to have an aggregate postconsumer recycled content of 18%.

## Special Thanks

TCEQ extends a special thanks to the Texas Press Association (TPA) for their help in marketing the annual survey, as well as providing input and advice.

## Help or Questions

For help completing the Annual Recycled-Content Newsprint Survey, refer to the checklist on page 2 or the Recycled Newsprint website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/recycle/newsprint.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/recycle/newsprint.html). If you have questions, please contact Rose Churchill at 512-239-6454 or [recycle@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:recycle@tceq.texas.gov).

Individuals are entitled to request and review their personal information that the agency gathers on its forms. They may also have any errors in their information corrected. To review such information, contact us at 512-239-3282.

**\*\*Deadline: January 31, 2025\*\***

***If Another Company Reports for You***

If another company reports your recycled newsprint usage, e-mail [recycle@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:recycle@tceq.texas.gov) the following information.

Your Name:

Your Newspaper/Publication:

Your Phone Number:

Company/Publisher Reporting for You:

***Checklist and Tips***

- If someone else reports for you, do not submit a report. Go back to the “If Another Company Reports for You” section above. Complete the survey even if you didn’t buy any newsprint with postconsumer content.
- Gather the amount of newsprint you purchased for the calendar year, including the percentage of postconsumer recycled content it contained, if any.
- Convert all amounts from short tons into metric tons (reporting them to two decimals: 3.00, 150.02, for example). To determine metric tons, do the following:  
$$\text{Metric tons} = \text{Short tons} \times 0.907, \text{ where}$$
$$\text{Short ton} = 2000 \text{ pounds}$$
$$\text{Example: } 2,375 \text{ short tons} \times 0.907 = 2,154.13 \text{ Metric Tons}$$
- Combine amounts of the same percentage, as shown in the example below:  
*Example:* In January, you bought five tons of newsprint with 25% postconsumer recycled content; then in March, you bought 10 tons more that also had 25% postconsumer recycled content. So, on the survey, you would combine the amounts and report a total of 15 tons of 25% postconsumer recycled content.
- Complete Part 6 if you did not meet one of the targets or did not use any newsprint with postconsumer recycled content.

**Return your survey by Jan. 31, 2025:**  
Recycled-Content Newsprint Survey, MC-118  
TCEQ  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087  
**E-mail:** [recycle@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:recycle@tceq.texas.gov)

**Part 1: Organization Names**

Organization submitting this survey:

(reporting newspaper)

Names of all the newspapers represented in this survey:

(enter each newspaper name and separate with semi-colons)

**Part 2: Total Metric Tons of Newsprint Purchased in 2024**

Metric tons of newsprint purchased in 2024:

(Metric tons = Short tons x 0.907)

**Part 3: Companies that Supplied You Postconsumer Recycled-Content Newsprint in 2024**

(enter each company name and separate with semi-colons)

**Part 4: The Postconsumer Recycled Content of the Newsprint You Purchased**

Use the table below to record the amount of newsprint purchased in calendar year 2024 and the percentage of postconsumer recycled content of that paper (see definitions below the instructions).

**Note:** Convert short tons to metric tons (short tons x 0.907 = metric tons). Make one line-entry for each different percentage of postconsumer recycled-content newsprint you purchased. Where appropriate, combine all purchases of the same percentage.

1. In **Column A**, enter percentage under “% of Postconsumer Recycled Content.” The first line is already marked “NONE” for paper not containing postconsumer recycled content. All paper not containing postconsumer recycled content should be included on the first line. For different purchases of the same percentage, combine all amounts. *Example:* If you made five purchases of 10% postconsumer recycled content, you only have to enter “10%” once and give the combined total of all the purchases in that entry.
2. In **Column B**, enter the amount, in tons, of newsprint you purchased containing that percentage of postconsumer recycled content. This number can include newsprint from different suppliers if the newsprint contained the same amount of postconsumer recycled content. *Example:* If you bought 10 tons of 25% postconsumer recycled content from Supplier A, and another 5 tons (also at 25%) from Supplier B, then list 15 tons on the line for 25% postconsumer recycled content.
3. If the amount in Column A is 25% or more (which is recycled newsprint), enter the number that is in Column B in **Column C**.
4. Multiply Column A by Column B and enter the result in **Column D**.

5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 for each different percentage and metric ton amount of postconsumer recycled-content newsprint you purchased.
6. Calculate the totals at the bottom of each column (marked E, F, and G). The total for box **E** should be equal to the number you entered in Part 2 above.
7. Calculate the percentages at the bottom of the table (marked H and I). If the percentage for H is less than 30% and the percentage for I is less than 18%, please complete Part 5.

### **Definitions**

**Postconsumer Recovered Material:** Includes paper, paperboard, and other fibrous products that have completed their normal cycle of production and use, but excludes all papermaking waste and blank white news, which is diverted for recycling prior to printing. It also includes overs and any de-linked fiber, regardless of the source of such fiber, except from sources specifically excluded previously.

**Postconsumer Recycled Content:** That portion of manufactured newsprint that is comprised of postconsumer recovered material, usually expressed as a percentage of the total content.

**Recycled Newsprint:** Newsprint certified by the manufacturer or supplier as containing at least 25% postconsumer recovered material, by fiber weight.

- Report quantities in metric tons to two decimal places (0.00); Short tons x 0.907 = Metric Tons.
- Report the percentage of Postconsumer Recycled Content in whole, rounded numbers. For example, newsprint that is 19.5% can be rounded to 20%.

***The Postconsumer Recycled Content of the Newsprint you Purchased***

A	B	C	D = (A × B)
% of Post-Consumer Recycled Content	Metric Tons of Newsprint Purchased	Tons of <b>Recycled Newsprint</b> Purchased (25% or more postconsumer recycled content)	Tons of <b>Postconsumer Recycled Content</b> in Newsprint Purchased
None (0%)		0.00	0.00
Totals	E.	F.	G.

**H** – Percentage of newsprint purchased that qualifies as recycled newsprint

Divide F by E then multiply by 100:

F ÷ E x 100 =           % (target is 30%)

**I** – Percentage of aggregate postconsumer recycled content of all newsprint

Divide G by E then multiply by 100:

G ÷ E x 100 =           % (target is 18%)

**Part 5: Meeting the Target(s)**

- You are finished if you met one of the target goals (30% or 18%).
- If you did not meet at least one of the goals, then complete Part 6.

**Part 6: Explanation for Not Meeting Either Target Goal**

Texas law requires that if you do not meet at least one of the two goals, you provide an explanation of why by submitting the following information.

A. We were not able to meet either of the goals because (check all that apply):

- ☐ We could not get postconsumer recycled-content newsprint delivered on a timely basis.
- ☐ We were not able to obtain sufficient quantities of recycled newsprint at competitive prices.
- ☐ We were not able to obtain sufficient quantities of recycled newsprint of satisfactory quality.
- ☐ We did not attempt to obtain recycled newsprint from every producer of recycled newsprint that offered to sell it during the 2024 calendar year.
- ☐ Other (please explain):

B. Please list the suppliers you contacted in your efforts to obtain recycled newsprint (continue on another page if necessary):

Producer Name:  
Contact Person:  
Address:  
Telephone Number:

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Address:  
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