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### IT'S JUST PAPER, ISN'T IT ?

Almost one billion trees each year are chopped down for making paper.

Every week, a half a million trees are cut down just to make the Sunday newspaper, of which most people only read a small part and then throw away.

Every year, Americans throw away enough paper to build a wall 12 feet high from Los Angeles to New York.

For every 4 foot tall stack of paper that is recycled, one tree is saved.

Recycling paper will greatly extend the life of our valuable, beautiful forests.

One ton of recyclable paper can substitute for about three tons of wood in making new paper products.

Paper made from recyclable paper uses less than one third the energy than paper made from wood uses.

Every 4 tons of recycled paper saves the same amount of energy needed to heat an average sized home for an entire year.

Every year, one ton of recycled paper saves an amount of energy equal to 380 gallons of oil.

Making paper from waste paper uses 61 % less water, than making paper from wood.

Making paper from recycled paper produces 73 % less air pollution than making paper straight from trees.

These statistics are frightening, but there are solutions to pollution. For starters, we can, and must, recycle.

Buy stuff that is recycled, and recycle the stuff you buy!

Encourage your family and friends to recycle.

Think of all the paper that is used in school each day - after it is used, it needs to be recycled!

Together we can make a difference.

AND, OF COURSE, DO NOT THROW THIS PAPER AWAY -  
WHEN YOU ARE DONE FULLY ABSORBING ALL OF THE MATERIAL PRINTED HERE,  
PLEASE PASS THIS PAPER ON TO SOMEONE ELSE  
WHO CAN THEN ALSO LEARN FROM IT!

Take care (and spread it around)!



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