

OMF W.I.S.E ~ First Friday Fun Facts

The City of Portland used over 74.5 million sheets of letter paper during the FY 2006-07. That averages out to just over 13,000 sheets per employee or if you prefer, 138 sheets per citizen. If one was to line all the reams next to one another, they would need to cross the center span of the St Johns Bridge more than 21 times.

According to the Forest Stewardship Council:

- *The paper industry would run out of raw materials in three weeks if virgin pulp stopped entering the paper manufacturing process.*
- *Approximately 25% of cut timber in the US is used for paper production.*
- *The US produces 90 million tons of paper and consumes 100 million tons.*



Now the good news; last year paper usage per City employee decreased more than 4% over the previous year.

AND DID YOU KNOW THAT.. OMF is part of the 100% Club? All of the 20# white paper P&D provides OMF, plus the basic copy work produced in the Print Shop is 100% Post Consumer Waste. The balance of the print job is made up of EPA minimum paper, usually 30% PCW. **SUGGESTION:** When you have a special print/copy project, take sustainability a step further and request 100% PCW paper for the entire print job! Whether it is the cover/chapters of a booklet or a simple post card mailer, every effort helps.



The City's Sustainability Paper Usage Policy is available [online!](#)

- The policy calls for at least 10% purchase of Alternative Environmentally Preferable Paper (AEPP); the City reached 48.6% last year.
- Currently 95% of City paper purchases meet or exceed EPA recommendations, a 20% increase from 2003-04.

ALSO: Watch [P&D's website](#) for information on their February Open House!

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