



# RAGS Information Sheet: PAPER



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## Types of paper

Paper is one of the most discarded materials in the UK - about one fifth of the contents of the average household waste bin is paper and card, yet it can be readily recycled. Paper is made from cellulose fibres, the source of which can be pulped wood, or a variety of other materials such as rags, cotton, grasses, sugar cane, straw or waste paper. Waste paper is an essential raw material for the British paper and board industry, providing nearly three quarters of their fibre need in 2004.

Waste paper that can be recycled includes:

- newspapers
- cardboard
- packaging
- stationery
- magazines
- catalogues & directories
- greeting cards
- wrapping paper

## Households

- Most local authorities collect paper for recycling from the kerbside.
- Contact your local authority directly (see RAGS "Domestic Recycling" information sheet) or check the Waste Aware Scotland website at [www.wascot.org.uk](http://www.wascot.org.uk) for current information on facilities at your local civic amenity site.

## Commercial

- For business and commercial waste, there are a number of companies that will collect wood from business premises. There is usually a charge for this service.
- Civic amenity sites are generally only available to household and non-commercial waste. Some sites will take commercial waste, but there may be a fee for this. Please contact your local authority for more details.

## Other useful websites

- [www.paperonline.org](http://www.paperonline.org) Educational resource and portal link to the paper world
- [www.paper.org.uk](http://www.paper.org.uk) Confederation of Paper Industries Website
- [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk) Information on recycling paper
- [www.wasteonline.org.uk](http://www.wasteonline.org.uk) In depth online recycling information
- [www.homerecycling.co.uk](http://www.homerecycling.co.uk) Recycling information for householders
- [www.letsrecycle.com](http://www.letsrecycle.com) Industry backed recycling information
- [www.recycle-more.com](http://www.recycle-more.com) General information on recycling
- [www.yellow-woods.co.uk](http://www.yellow-woods.co.uk) Educational and fun schools environmental campaign

## RAGS Members involved in commercial paper recycling

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| John W Hannay & Co Ltd | East Kilbride | 01355 225455  |
| Lomac                  | Irvine        | 01294 273232  |
| LEEP                   | Edinburgh     | 0131 538 5381 |
| Smurfit Recycling      | Glasgow       | 0141 429 5426 |
| Yell Ltd               | Scotland      |               |

Please contact RAGS to be listed here