

North Carolina

BUSINESS LEADERS

Use Recycled Content



**JACKSON PAPER
MANUFACTURING**

NORTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF RECYCLED PAPER



Sylva, N.C. — Jackson County



PRODUCTS

100-percent recycled and Forest Stewardship Certified (FSC) paper



MARKET

Corrugated box makers throughout the United States



DIVERSION

Diverts approximately 109,000 tons of cardboard from the landfill every year

BUSINESS STORY

Jackson Paper is a leading recycled paper manufacturer and has been an industry innovator for more than 20 years. It produces top-quality, 100-percent recycled corrugated paper, which is supplied to corrugated box makers throughout the United States. Independently-owned and situated in the Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina, Jackson Paper is committed to protecting the beautiful natural environment that it calls home.

“We were green before green was cool.”

PROCESS DETAILS

Jackson Paper sources used cardboard from regional material recovery facilities, which gives value to the cardboard that North Carolinians recycle through community recycling programs. The old corrugated containers are fed into a pulper where they are blended and contaminants are removed. The fibers are refined to ensure the necessary strength and quality. They are then sent to a paper machine to be formed into sheets of paper. The sheets are dried with steam, wound onto a reel, and cut into rolls. The 100-percent recycled paper is delivered to box manufacturers across the Southeast.

Unlike most paper mills, Jackson Paper fires its boiler with waste-wood — not fossil fuels. The boiler generates steam that powers the paper-making machinery and heats the plant. A pollution control scrubber prevents wood ash from leaving the boiler. The closed-loop water system and treatment facility allows the facility to reuse the large quantities of water needed to make paper. The result is zero discharge of waste into local sewer system or waterways.



IMPACTS

- One of the largest private employers in Jackson County, Jackson Paper employs 125 associates.
- Since Jackson Paper was established in March of 1995, it has invested more than 26 million in facility upgrades so that it can efficiently manufacture high-quality, recycled paper while meeting or exceeding air and water quality regulations.



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