

Our environmental News Letter

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## What is this?

## **Paper Recycling**

According to the USEPA, approximately 33 percent of the municipal solid waste stream (MSW) is made up of paper products. Recycling produces numerous direct and indirect benefits:

- Recycling one ton of paper reduces green house gas emissions by one metric ton of carbon equivalent
- Saves energy, every ton of mixed paper recycled can save the equivalent of 185 gallons of gasoline.
- Reduces the need for new landfills and incinerators, a ton of paper takes up 3.3 cubic feet of space in a landfill
- Creates jobs, recycling one million tons of paper provides 65 people with jobs.

Learn more at the American Forest & Paper Association website: <a href="https://www.afandpa.org">www.afandpa.org</a>

Recycling, do it everyday!

This is an *Installment*. A newsletter produced by REMP, the Resource and Environmental Management Program, in cooperation with Facilities Services and the Sustainability at Ithaca Program and placed in bathroom stalls.

We will use these postings as a fun and convenient way to communicate to Faculty, Staff and Students information about sustainability efforts on campus and what they can do to get involved.

Each *Installment* will include Sustainability Tips and updates on Facilities Services' efforts to promote a safe and healthy Campus Community. Facilities Services' goal is to provide top-notch cleaning services and building maintenance, while committing to continually investigate and explore newer, more sustainable products and processes that are user friendly, fiscally responsible, and protect the environment.

REMP is working to create a more sustainable living and learning experience on campus. Visit our website: www.ithaca.edu/remp

## **Sustainability Tips**

## How to green your meetings:

- Order reusable dishes if you're going to serve food and bring your own refillable container, rather than using a disposable cup.
- > Order water in reusable pitchers, rather than disposable bottles.
- Use only napkins made with recycled content and compost them afterwards.
- Use double-sided handouts or provide an electronic version online to avoid using paper altogether.
- If providing snacks, keep in mind where they came from, how much packaging they come in, and what went into their production. Buy local!
- Turn off your computer and electronics while at the meeting.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Re-buy and Rethink.

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