

GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH

MAY

GET THE FACTS

- A tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, and can sequester one ton of carbon dioxide by the time it reaches 40 years old
- The US produces about 20,700,000 tons of this paper but we only recycle about 11,000,000 tons, or 53%
- Every ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy and 7,000 gallons of water
- The greenhouse gas emission reductions from recycling 10 tons of mixed paper are comparable to preventing the use of 94 barrels of crude oil



HUG A TREE

IF YOU CHOSE RECYCLED...

NUMBER OF TREES YOU WOULD SAVE

Facial tissues	163,000 trees
Toilet Paper	423,900 trees
Paper Towels	544,000 trees
Napkins	1,000,000 trees

SAVING TREES IS TAKING ACTION FOR WILDLIFE



Centre ValBio helps Lemurs

Some of our most critically endangered primates are threatened by deforestation. Lemurs are found only in Madagascar, one of the most richly biodiverse places on the planet. With few options to make money, many of the Malagasy people have taken to the forests to harvest rosewood, a beautiful tree that is home to these lemurs.

Rosewood is made into luxury furniture and is in high demand in both China and the US, yet is illegal to log and export. Centre ValBio – Oakland Zoo’s conservation partner in Madagascar – works with local communities to find livelihoods that do not harm the habitat. Support this wonderful work and avoid purchasing rosewood. Always make sure the wood you are purchasing is forest and wildlife-friendly by choosing Forrest Stewardship Council Certified. Go to ic.fsc.org/en to learn more.



YOU CAN TOO

TIPS YOU CAN USE AT HOME

EASY WAYS YOU CAN SAVE TREES

- Buy 100% recycled paper products! (see the chart - left)
- Find responsible, recycled paper product brands at visit the Natural Resource Defense Funds website to learn more: nrdc.org
- Bring re-usable bags when shopping. A grocery store can easily use up 700 bags an hour - that’s an entire tree’s worth of paper bags!
- Forego the paper gift wrap and opt for more creative wrapping. Repurpose attractive boxes, decoupage, wrap with fabric, or upcycle paper bags.



Action for Wildlife

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