

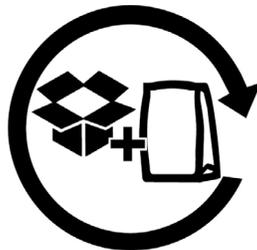
Paper Shipping Sacks Are Recyclable

EXPAND YOUR OCC COLLECTION – ENCOURAGE RECYCLING OF UNLINED PAPER SHIPPING SACKS

Each year, food producers use more than one billion unlined paper shipping sacks. When they are shaken clean of all food residues, most mills will accept them mixed with old corrugated containers (OCC). By encouraging your customers who recycle OCC to add these sacks to the mix, you are helping them give you more volume, reduce their disposal costs, and improve their sustainability profile. Here are a few key facts:

1. The fiber in paper shipping sacks is very similar to – or even stronger than – the fiber in the linerboard used to make corrugated cardboard boxes.
2. More often than not, paper used for paper shipping sacks is made on the same paper machines that produce linerboard for corrugated boxes.
3. Rising e-commerce sales are pushing more of the OCC that has traditionally been collected through cleaner commercial channels into the municipal mixed solid waste and recycling streams.
4. That means it is even more essential to maximize the volume of paper packaging collected through commercial channels over which higher quality control can be achieved.
5. Over 90% of all corrugated in the U.S. is already being recovered for recycling, making additional recovery more important to supply domestic corrugated producers whose growth rates now exceed that of overall economic activity, thanks to packaging-intensive, fast growing e-commerce.

The American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) and the Paper Shipping Sack Manufacturers' Association (PSSMA) have joined together in a campaign to increase the recycling of clean, unlined food ingredient sacks. They are encouraging businesses that package products in these sacks to add the following logo onto qualifying sacks to indicate their recyclability.



**Corrugated &
Food Paper Shipping Sacks
Recycle**

Two points are crucial to the success of this program, and they are emphasized in messaging to potential recyclers:

- First, always contact your local paper recycler to make sure that the mills being supplied by that recycler can take commingled OCC and unlined food paper shipping sacks.
- Second, be sure that the sacks you add to the recycling stream are shaken clean to remove all residue.

We hope that you will take an active interest in helping your customers establish workable arrangements to collect these sacks. You will increase your business and help supply paper mills with the fiber they need to make new products.

We are building a list of paper recyclers that will process unlined food paper shipping sacks with OCC for the recycling section of the PSSMA website. Contact us if you would like your company included on that list: info@pssma.org.

For additional information on recycling paper shipping sacks, visit www.pssma.org. If you have questions, please contact AF&PA or PSSMA at:



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