



Climate Action Team Tip of the Week: Reduce Paper Use!

Reducing paper use cuts greenhouse gas emissions and reduces water use and pollution. At WWC, our paper use contributes to our campus greenhouse gas emissions via the electricity used by printers and copiers, and the gas used to haul paper waste away. And then there are all the impacts that happen before the paper gets to WWC: According to the Natural Resource Defense Council, the paper industry is the leading consumer and the leading polluter of freshwater in industrialized countries, as well as the third-largest industrial emitter of global warming pollution.

The College Press stocks WWC printers and copiers with post-consumer recycled content paper- currently 30% recycled. But that is not enough. **Here are some simple ways that students and employees can keep WWC paper use to a minimum:**

- Avoid printing whenever possible.
- Reset your Word default margins to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch- this alone will reduce paper use by approximately 23%!
- The blank side of 1-sided used paper should be used for all drafts and internal communications.
- When printing on clean paper print 2 sided.
- When printing text off the internet only print the pages that have what you need, or else copy the text into a document.

For more paper use reduction tips visit <http://www.nrdc.org/cities/living/paper/strategies.asp>

Questions?

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