

How to Save Paper in the Classroom

*An easy way to help the
environment!*

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Why Save Paper?



Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a wall 12 ft high stretching from Los Angeles to New York.

Pollution!

- ◆ Paper and pulp industry, which creates new paper, is the 3rd most polluting in North America
- ◆ Water Pollution
 - Use and release a lot of water
 - Lowers water level and puts warm water back into the environment
 - Effluent from mill reduces reproduction in zooplankton, shellfish and invertebrates

❖ Air pollution

- Largely unregulated
- Emissions contain hormone disrupting and carcinogenic chemicals
- Dioxins



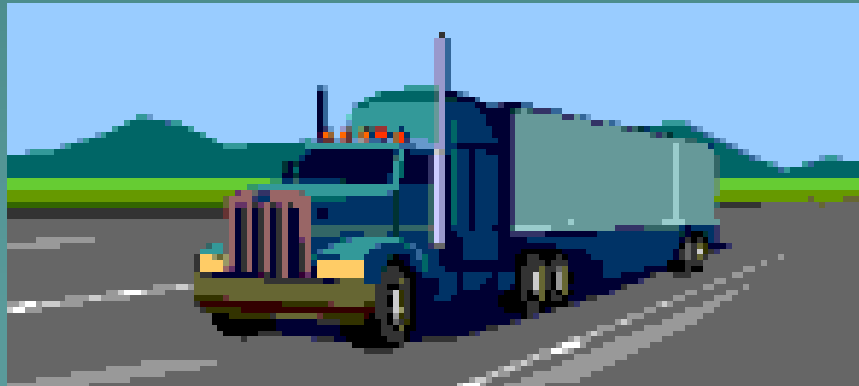
Tree Plantations



- ◆ Monoculture farms take the place of forests that once provided homes for communities of animals
- ◆ Herbicides are used which can contaminate the soil and water

Throwaway is not Away

- ◆ Thrown away paper is trucked down to Oregon
- ◆ Even recycling takes energy; it is much more efficient to reduce and reuse



Ways to Save Paper



- ◆ Use overhead for assignments instead of passing out sheets
- ◆ Reuse paper that has only been used on one side- for quizzes or printed drafts
- ◆ Print on both sides of the paper. This equals 50% waste reduction!
- ◆ Proof documents on screen before printing

- ◆ Post memos or use email rather than distributing individual copies
- ◆ Save documents on the computer or a floppy disk instead of printing
- ◆ Have a centrally located collection of used envelopes and file folders
- ◆ Before printing a large number of copies, do a one page check, and reuse

