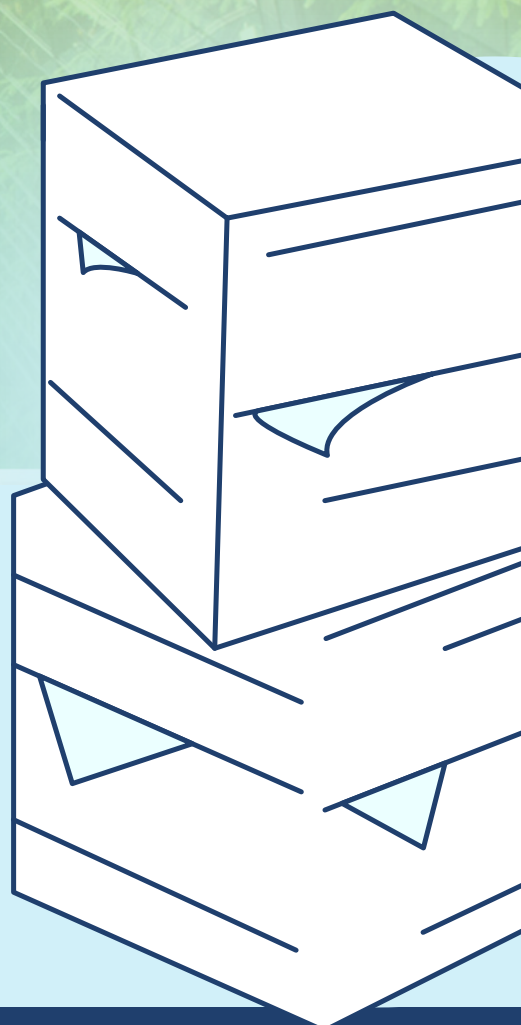


# The True Cost of Paper on the Environment

Evaluating paper usage and its impact on the environment.

**In 2022, 415,000,000 tons of paper were produced.**

That is almost 2% higher than 2021. At this rate, it's projected to increase an additional 15% by 2032.



This trend has far-reaching impacts on our planet, including...



## ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Did you know that paper production ranks third for energy consumption among manufacturing industries?

## DEFORESTATION

Logging destroys ecosystems and habitats and removes natural carbon sinks that shield the atmosphere against CO2 emissions.

## WASTE PROBLEMS

Paper makes up 26% of total waste at landfills, where it produces harmful methane gas as it biodegrades.

## AIR POLLUTION

Around 21% of toxic release inventory (TRI) emissions come from air pollution in paper production.

While recycling programs offset some of these consequences, they don't eliminate our dependence on virgin resources completely.

**Did you know?**

Paper fibers can only be recycled 5-10 times, which means we would still need new trees for paper products even if we recycled all paper.

Using a document management solution can significantly decrease your organization's reliance on paper and increase efficiency by 50% or more.

**What can I do?**