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Tissue products provide convenience and improved hygiene, reducing the risk of communicable diseases. Made from fiber sourced from certified, responsibly managed forests and/or recycled paper, tissue products are a sustainable choice.



## Vital to health and hygiene

- Tissue products provide hygiene and cleaning benefits.
- Paper towels help to reduce the numbers of all types of bacteria on hands and reduce the spread of bacteria when used for hand drying.
- Tissue products used for personal hygiene help reduce the spread of disease. They include napkins, bath tissue, feminine care products and adult and baby diapers.



## Sustainability

- Tissue paper products are made from a renewable resource (trees), which remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as they grow.
- Each year, in the U.S., twice as much wood is grown as is harvested.

## A market for recovered fiber

- Most tissue products include recycled paper content (from office papers and other printed materials).
- In 2016, 90 percent of the 76 U.S. mills that produce tissue paper used some recovered paper to make new tissue products. Seventeen of these mills used only recovered paper.
- U.S. tissue mills consume 0.58 tons of recovered paper for each ton of tissue product produced.
- U.S. paper recovery for recycling reached a record 65.8 percent in 2017, meeting or exceeding 63 percent recovery for the past nine years.

## Innovative

- Advancements in manufacturing technology include more efficient fiber use and improving both the design of tissue products and the way they are dispensed.
- These innovations allow the tissue sector to keep up with growing consumer demand, improve existing products and develop new products.



## Jobs and opportunities

- The U.S. tissue paper sector employs an estimated 27,800 people with a payroll of \$1.7 billion.

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