

PRESS RELEASE  
TO ANNOUNCE MILLVILLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE  
MASS RECYCLES PAPER! CAMPAIGN

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Millville Joins Mass Recycles Paper! Campaign  
*Statewide effort to Recycle More Paper Offers Economic & Environmental  
Benefits*

The Millville Board of Health announced that the Town of Millville has joined the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign, a public/private partnership to reduce the 1.5 million tons of paper that is being thrown away annually in the Commonwealth at a cost of more than \$100 million.

"Recycling paper saves money and reduces global warming. That's why Millville has joined the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign. Together, with municipalities all across the state, we have pledged to do our part to recycle more paper," said Tom Houle, Board of Health Chairman.

The Mass Recycles Paper! campaign is a public/private partnership of MassRecycle, MassDEP, the US Environmental Protection Agency – New England, state and local officials, business leaders and concerned citizens. MassRecycle is a broad-based coalition with a 20-year history of advocating for and educating the public and policy makers about recycling.

"We thank Millville for joining the Mass Recycles Paper! campaign," said Mass Recycles Paper! Campaign Chairwoman Claire Sullivan. "By resolving to do all that it can to help stop more than a million tons of paper from going to waste in the Commonwealth each year, Millville will be saving money and the planet."

MassDEP estimates that 20% of the trash that is thrown away in Massachusetts is paper that could be recycled. Weighing in at 1.5 million tons, the amount of paper could fill all of Fenway Park and reach as high as the Prudential Center.

"Many people are under the false impression that it doesn't cost anything to throw away their trash, but in fact their tax dollars pay to dispose of waste," said MassDEP Commissioner Laurie Burt. "Imagine the savings each city or town could realize if they got paper out of the waste stream by recycling it instead. This could make a major impact on a community's annual budget."

Almost any paper product, except for tissue paper, paper plates, towels and cups, and food-soiled paper can be recycled. Residents can recycle magazines, catalogs, mail (even with window envelopes), shredded paper, phone books, flat and corrugated cardboard, even spiral-bound, paper clipped or stapled reports.

According to MassDEP, the recycling industry bolsters the Massachusetts economy. Approximately 1,500 recycling businesses employ 19,500 people, have a combined annual payroll of \$600 million, and produce annual revenues of \$3.6 billion.

Recycling paper has vast environmental benefits. Recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions and saves energy. According to MassDEP, in 2005, Massachusetts prevented the disposal of 9.6 million tons of waste through a combination of recycling, composting, and other waste reduction. In addition to saving landfill space, waste reduction slows global warming by conserving natural resources, saving energy, and preventing pollution. In 2005, Massachusetts is estimated to have:

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by more than 2.6 million tons of carbon equivalent per year.
- Saved nearly 102 trillion BTUs of energy, equivalent to the annual energy consumption of 18 million barrels of oil, or nearly 820 million gallons of gasoline.
- Saved nearly 1.8 tons of iron ore, coal, and limestone and nearly 19 million trees.

For more information about recycling in Millville, call the Board of Health at 508-883-5041.