



# FACT SHEET

## Where does used packaging go?

### Most gets recycled!

#### ➤ **Into new boxes.**

A *corrugated box* can be made from a mixture of old corrugated boxes, corrugated cuttings, printing and writing paper, old cartons (boxboard) even wood chips, shavings and sawdust left over from logging and sawmilling operations. Average recycled content of domestic shipments in 2018 was 77%. See [Press Release \(10/09/2019\)](#) and [Understanding Recycled Content backgrounder](#).

#### ➤ **Into new cartons.**

A typical *boxboard carton* contains a mixture of old corrugated boxes, old newspapers, boxboard trim, used computer-print-out, office and print shop waste, even old boxboard itself. Average recycled content of domestic shipments in 2018 was 63.5%. See [Press Release \(10/09/2019\)](#) and [Understanding Recycled Content backgrounder](#).

#### ➤ **Into new paper bags**

Paper bags and sacks are mostly made from sawmill residue (wood chips, shavings or sawdust left over from logging operations). Most used bags are recycled into new corrugated boxes. One Canadian mill in 2012 used old corrugated boxes to make new paper bags but it has now closed.

#### ➤ **Into other stuff!**

Old paper packaging is also used to make construction board and insulation materials, printing and writing papers, and tissue and toweling products.



New Cartons

New Boxes

New Bags

New Printing

New Tissue